



Travis Credit Union joins holiday efforts

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This holiday season, Travis Credit Union members and employees are reaching out to the community and people in need by taking part in the Solano and Contra Costa Food Banks annual food drive, The Festival of Trees, Christmas Wish 2012, and the 2012 Children's Miracle Network Holiday Stocking Campaign.

Each year Travis Credit Union helps the working poor, seniors, single parents, and the homeless in Solano County through their annual food drive. Employees, members and the general public are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to all Travis Credit Union branches in Solano, and Contra Costa Counties from Nov. 15 through Jan. 31. Specially printed grocery bags for the drive will be inserted in several local newspapers. Donations will go directly to the Food Bank of Solano, and Contra Costa will be distributed in the counties that they are received.

Another way Travis Credit Union is helping this holiday season is through the 2012 Children's Miracle Network Holiday Stocking Campaign. Employees and members can purchase and sign as many paper stockings as they want for \$1 each to support the health needs of children. The stockings are available for sale and will be displayed at credit union branches from Nov. 15 through Dec. 24. Proceeds this year will go to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento and Valley Children's Hospital Central California in Madera County. Last year members and employees donated more than \$3,500.

Additionally, the credit union has been the number one corporate sponsor for the Christmas Wish program for the past 11 years. In 2011, through chili cook-offs, an online auction and bake sale, employees raised more than \$6,700 and donated 343 gifts to the program. This year, employees are determined to match or beat that donation. How does it work? Children place their wishes on ornaments so that sponsors may buy an appropriate gift for them. Sponsors may also make a cash donation that will be used to purchase gifts. This year, Travis Credit Union will again help children on AFDC/Cal Works, which includes local children of the working poor as well as foster children.

This will also be the ninth year that TCU participates in the Festival of Trees in Vacaville, which benefits The Opportunity House.

In addition, on Nov. 15, credit union employees will conduct their seventh annual Employee Craft Fair. The public can browse through unique, handmade items crafted by talented TCU employees to benefit Heather House Homeless Shelter.

"Through these programs and others like them, we are reaching out to people in need," said Patsy Van Ouwerkerk, president and CEO of Travis Credit Union. "We are proud to be helping the community and at the same time making a difference in people's lives."

Headquartered in Vacaville, Travis Credit Union is a not-for-profit cooperative financial institution serving those who live or work in Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Merced Napa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Yolo Counties.