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***St. Cloud Federal Credit Union Donates a Day to Make a Difference in the Community***

**St. Cloud, Minnesota:** St. Cloud Federal Credit Union closed its branches on Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day, deciding to participate in its fourth annual Community Day of giving, designed to make a difference in the community. The credit union asked its members, and an employee-led team to determine the locations for the organization to donate time. Four local non-profit organizations were selected, of which nearly 60 employees helped:

- Quiet Oaks Hospice assisting in meal preparation and baking, as well as helping to clean the facility.
- Becky's Troop Care Packages helping assemble and create care packages for military troops overseas.
- Broken Roads Ranch (a non-profit animal sanctuary) assisting with painting and cleaning stables.
- FACT (Feeding Area Children Together) helping to pack nutritious meals for local children in need.

All rooted in Central Minnesota, the credit union was proud to give back to a variety of places who make a difference in the community. The organization's theme for the Community Day was, ***Be Kind. Do Good.*** This theme played out well with like-minded non-profits who provide services to help people in different ways ranging from hospice services, to troops, to helping feed local children, and an organization that helps people with their animals.

"Our annual Community Day was established as part of our mission to make a meaningful difference for our members, our employees, and our communities. We believe it is our responsibility to give back as part of our cooperative model," stated Jed A. Meyer, St. Cloud Federal Credit Union President and CEO. "Our employees are full of passion to make a difference, and I was proud to serve beside them as we helped local non-profits," stated Meyer.

St. Cloud Federal Credit Union is proud to continue its annual Community Day, and to participate in giving back with other credit unions in what is now an annual tradition. Around the state, more than 12,000 credit union employee and member volunteer hours were dedicated to 80 Minnesota communities. Participating credit unions estimate that the collective reach through efforts on that day impacted more than 33,000 people – an active demonstration of the industry's philosophy of "People Helping People."

*About St. Cloud Federal Credit Union: St. Cloud Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative founded in 1930. Currently with over 19,000 members and over \$170 million in assets, the credit union is proud to serve members in Central Minnesota with branches in St. Cloud and Sartell (Sauk Rapids to open spring of 2019). The organization prides itself on making a meaningful difference for members and their local communities.*

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