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NWFCU Foundation Supports Local Children Through Weekend Backpack Program

Herndon, Va. (March, 28 2017) – The [NWFCU Foundation](#), the charitable arm of [Northwest Federal Credit Union](#), partnered with members, corporations and [Community Partners](#) to donate over 7,000 child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable food items as part of their Weekend Backpack Program. Additionally, over \$600 was received in monetary donations. The donations will help ensure that local children receive nourishment throughout the weekend to help ease the burden of being away from free and reduced meals. The food was donated to various schools in Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier Counties in Virginia. The program is part of the Foundation’s mission to support the health and well-being of children in its community.

“NWFCU Foundation is overjoyed with the outpouring of support from NW Credit Union members, employees and other corporate sponsors. We are so very grateful to our community for all of the food that was donated at our branches,” said Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation, Alexzandra Shade. “It’s great knowing that the Weekend Backpack Program Drive positively impacted the recipients at each school.”

“I am very pleased to report that Northwest Capital Management donated 670 individual items. We know that a little bit of effort by each employee combines for one LARGE donation, which will have a tremendous impact on the local schools that use these items to fill needy children’s backpacks each weekend.”

Karen A. Benedict, Senior Vice President, Northwest Financial Advisors

“Thank you so much for your generosity. Every week our volunteer staff puts together over 150 bags to be donated to schools in Fauquier County. This donation will certainly help the neediest in our community and I look forward to working with NWFCU Foundation and Northwest Federal Credit Union in the future.”

Elaine Harris, Director, Fauquier Fish Food Pantry

“We definitely have students who will benefit from your donations! Our counselors and social workers will ensure the donations are distributed to our at hope students.”

Michelle Makrigiorgos, Principal Louise Archer Elementary School, Vienna, VA



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Alexzandra Shade, Executive Director of NWFCU Foundation

“Without support from community members and organizations like NWFCU Foundation we would not be able to provide food for our students who otherwise would not have any food to eat over the weekend. Just knowing that we are helping our children to have things that most of us take for granted is a rewarding experience.”

Chris Toye, Weekend Backpack Program, Dranesville Elementary School, Herndon, VA

Northwest Federal employees with donations for the NWFCU Foundation’s Weekend Meal Program.



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About Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation

The NWFCU Foundation was established in 2004 to promote and manage Northwest Federal Credit Union's philanthropic activities. The mission of NWFCU Foundation is to empower youth to achieve their goals by helping them learn and celebrate life and supporting their health and well-being. The NWFCU Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permissible by law for those who itemize deductions. For more information, visit www.nwfcufoundation.org.

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