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NWFCU Foundation Collects Thousands of Food Items for Local Children

Herndon, Va. (April 17, 2020) – <u>NWFCU Foundation</u> recently ran a weekend meal program drive, collecting nonperishable food items to provide nourishing meals for at-promise children on weekends. The Foundation received almost 4,200 food items and several hundred dollars in donations from generous credit union members, employees and corporate partners, including <u>Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Inc</u>.

Each year the Foundation works alongside Northwest Federal members, employees, and corporate partners to gather and deliver food to various food pantries in area schools and after-school programs. This year, when schools closed due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Foundation was ready to distribute much needed supplies during what has become a very trying time for children with hunger issues.

"The NWFCU Foundation is so fortunate to be blessed with incredible, generous corporate partners, credit union members and employees," said Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation, Kaycee Childress. "Especially at this difficult time, their wonderful donations mean that we are able to help mitigate the food insecurity from which these children would otherwise suffer."

The Foundation partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools to aid with their weekend meals and school supply programs. They reached out to Susan Livingood, the parent liaison at Dogwood Elementary, and she shared that they were in desperate need of food to distribute to children in the area. Practicing safe distance standards, the Foundation delivered food to Livingood on two separate occasions for distribution to local children. Additionally, the Foundation contacted Amy Shaw, a member of the South Lakes High School Pantry Team and made a delivery to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where the South Lakes Pantry's food is now being stored.

The NWFCU Foundation holds several donation drives throughout the year to support their mission to empower young people. Find out more about their <u>drives</u> and <u>scholarship program</u>.



Kaycee Childress, Karen Foust and Jordan Fleger of the NWFCU Foundation deliver food to South Lakes Food Pantry



Susan Livingood, Dogwood Parent Liaison and Kaycee Childress



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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 young people to achieve their goals by helping them learn, excel and celebrate life and by supporting their health, well-being and education. 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.

About Northwest Federal Credit Union

Northwest Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution ranking among the largest credit unions in Virginia and in the top 60 credit unions in the nation. Established in 1947 and headquartered in Herndon, Va., Northwest Federal's Why is to serve and inspire to transform lives. The Credit Union currently serves more than 260,000 members and has assets in excess of \$3.4 billion. For more information, visit <u>www.nwfcu.org</u> or connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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