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PenFed Credit Union Announces \$100,000 in Donations to Eugene Charities in 2018

Eugene Service Center Kicks Off Effort with Check Presentation

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 7, 2017 – PenFed Credit Union’s Eugene Service Center team, today announced charitable donations totaling \$25,000 to three local organizations: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Of Lane County; Northwest Battle Buddies; and White Bird Clinic, as part of PenFed’s commitment to donate \$100,000 to Eugene charities throughout 2018.



Employees from PenFed's Eugene Service Center with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Of Lane County and PenFed Management Leadership Team

Senior Vice President of Operations Dave Silvey, who manages the Eugene Service Center, and representatives of the Service Center’s leadership team made the announcement to PenFed employees during a check presentation for one of the local charities.

“It is the ‘season of giving’ which reminds us to be thankful for what we have, and to give back

to those in need,” said Silvey. “It is with pleasure that the PenFed Eugene team today announced the donation to these three organizations. It is our way of showing gratitude for what these organizations represent, and the work they do in our local communities—not just during the holiday season, but every day of the year.”

These charitable donations mark the beginning of PenFed Credit Union’s quarterly commitment to contribute to local organizations in Eugene totaling \$100,000 in 2018. Each quarter, PenFed’s Eugene Service Center employees will select local charities that align with the core values of the credit union—to help our members *Do Better* and to give back to our communities.

“CASA of Lane County is honored to be nominated and selected for this gift from PenFed,” said Director of Development and Communications Katie Gatlin with CASA of Lane County. “These funds make such a difference in the lives of our incredible volunteers and the children for whom they tirelessly advocate. We are thankful for your generosity and support of our community's most vulnerable children.”

“I would like to thank PenFed for their tremendous generosity,” said CEO and Founder Shannon Walker of Northwest Battle Buddies. “It is organizations like PenFed who are helping us save lives, one Northwest Battle Buddies Team at a time.”

“White Bird Clinic appreciates the generous donation from PenFed Credit Union and its employees. Their generous gift will support our agency in offering comfort and assistance to those in need across our local community,” said Administrator Coordinator Benjamin Brubaker of White Bird Clinic.

Since opening the service center in Eugene in 1996, PenFed has donated more than \$301,373 to local veteran and community organizations and more than 1,400 hours in volunteer time to charitable organizations throughout Lane County. These community organizations include: United Way Day of Caring, Habitat for Humanity, Food for Lane County, The Eugene Mission, Lane Blood Center, First Place Family Center, and Lane County Animal Shelter.

The Eugene, Oregon service center began with 24 employees and today, the Tysons, Va.-based credit union, employs more than 450 people, locally. The service center serves over 1.6 million PenFed members worldwide.

About PenFed Credit Union

Established in 1935 as the War Department Credit Union, PenFed Credit Union is America’s second-largest federal credit union, serving over 1.6 million members worldwide with more than \$23 billion in assets. Our long-standing mission has been to provide superior financial services in a cost-effective manner, while being responsive to members’ needs. PenFed Credit Union offers market-leading mortgages, automobile loans, credit cards, student loans, checking, certificates, and a wide range of other financial services with members’ interests always in mind. PenFed Credit Union serves a diverse population, and no military service is required to join. PenFed Credit Union offers many paths to membership, including numerous employee groups and association affiliations. PenFed Credit Union is federally insured by the NCUA and is an equal

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About the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Of Lane County

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provide a powerful voice for abused and neglected children by recruiting, training and supporting professional-level volunteers who speak for each child's best interests in the courtroom and the community. CASA volunteers make a commitment to advocate for their assigned child(ren) until his/her case is closed by the court to ensure each child is safe, has a permanent home, and is given the opportunity to thrive. Children with a CASA spend less time in care and are less likely to re-enter the child welfare system due to abuse and neglect. Last year, 221 CASA volunteers advocated for 437 children in our community. There are many more children waiting for a CASA. *If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or supporting CASA, please visit casa-lane.org or call at 541.984.3132.*

About Northwest Battle Buddies

The mission of our non-profit organization empowers combat veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to regain their freedom and independence by partnering them with professionally trained and specifically matched service dogs at no charge. *To learn more about Northwest Battle Buddies, visit www.northwestbattlebuddies.org/.*

About White Bird Clinic

White Bird is a collective environment organized to enable people to gain control of their social, emotional and physical well-being through direct service, education and community. *To learn more about White Bird, please visit whitebirdclinic.org.*

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