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Credit Union Launches New Happy Valley Branch with Show of Community Support

\$10,000 Donation to Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council Will Purchase Life-Saving AEDs

Happy Valley, Ore., August 4, 2016—Clackamas Federal Credit Union (Clackamas) opened its newest branch in Happy Valley, Ore. this week. Along with celebratory events comes evidence of commitment to the surrounding community by way of a \$10,000 gift to Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council.

“In addition to helping members achieve their financial goals, Clackamas Federal Credit Union is passionate about the overall well-being of the people who live in the areas we serve,” said Clackamas CEO Mary Greco. “We thought it would be fitting at the onset of our branch opening to support this extraordinary organization in their life-sustaining work.”

Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council coordinates search and rescue missions in the region and improves local search and rescue programs. In addition to risking their own lives, their volunteers give thousands of hours of time—often using vacation time—purchase their own equipment, and pay for their own gas and vehicles used for rescue missions. Without government funding, Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council relies on the generosity of its volunteers and private donations.

The donated funds from Clackamas Federal Credit Union will be used to purchase automated external defibrillators, also known as AEDs. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the main causes of death in the United States. According to the American Red Cross, over 350,000 people will suffer from cardiac arrest this year. Recently, a Search and Rescue volunteer, who is also a marathon runner, ran a long distance on a hiking trail to retrieve an AED for someone suffering from cardiac arrest. Due to the runner’s efforts and the AED, the victim’s life was saved.

“We are extremely grateful for this donation,” said Sherri Magdlen, Director of Development for Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council. “The purchase of more AEDs will make a huge difference in equipping our volunteers to help people. And the donation is a big morale booster for everyone.”

The new Happy Valley Branch is located at 122nd Avenue and Sunnyside Road next to MOD Pizza. The new location has offices available for financial and mortgage consultations as well as a 24-hour ATM. The branch is now open with the official Grand Opening Celebration scheduled from August 8th through 13th.

About Clackamas Federal Credit Union

Clackamas Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit, financial cooperative open to membership for people who live, work, worship, or attend school in Clackamas County, Ore. Branches in Oregon City, Milwaukie, Canby, Molalla, Sandy, West Linn, and Happy Valley have been helping members achieve their financial goals since 1957.

100 percent member-owned, Clackamas' mission is to help members succeed, working tirelessly to provide personal service and unique savings that can't be found at national banks. Careful administration of member funds has kept Clackamas well capitalized, assuring the safety of members' deposits and member-focused programs like free checking. To learn more, please visit www.clackamasfcu.org.

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