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## MERRIMACK VALLEY CREDIT UNION BRIGHTENS THE HOLIDAYS WITH ANNUAL DONATION

*Credit Union presents check for \$30,000 to Emmaus, Inc.*

LAWRENCE, MASS. — On Wednesday, December 12, Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) presented a check for \$30,000 to Emmaus, Inc., the Haverhill-based nonprofit organization fighting homelessness in the Merrimack Valley. Peter Matthews, President and CEO of MVCU, presented the check to Leslie Lawrence, Associate Director of Emmaus, and Gretchen Arntz, Director of Philanthropy at Emmaus.



“The holiday season can be difficult for the vulnerable populations who rely on the services that Emmaus offers, said Matthews.

“Merrimack Valley Credit Union is proud to make this annual donation that helps Emmaus continue its vital work in the community. Whether they are helping men, women, and children find stable housing, learn vital skills to gain employment, or have a meal to eat, we are honored to be a part of this organization that has influenced so many lives throughout the region.”

Since 1994, MVCU has contributed more than \$400,000 to Emmaus, and the Credit Union is Emmaus’ largest private corporate donor. The credit union matches the difference between what was pledged and what was collected through year-long fundraising efforts by the Credit Union’s staff and the generosity of its membership.

### *About Merrimack Valley Credit Union*

Merrimack Valley Credit Union is a \$630 million asset not-for-profit community credit union serving anyone who lives, works, volunteers or attends school or a religious organization in the Merrimack Valley region. MVCU offers a wide range of services to meet the financial needs of its members, and has branch locations in Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover, Mass. and Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H. To learn more about Merrimack Valley Credit Union, please visit [www.mvcu.com](http://www.mvcu.com).

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[Photo Caption: Left to right –Leslie Lawrence, Peter Matthews, Gretchen Arntz]