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## MERRIMACK VALLEY CREDIT UNION RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH COMMUNITY DONATIONS

## Credit Union donations and employee volunteers assist three organizations

LAWRENCE, MASS. — Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) spent the days immediately preceding and following Thanksgiving donating funds and time to organizations that assist the less fortunate throughout the Merrimack Valley.

"Giving back to the members and communities that we serve in the Merrimack Valley is at the heart of what we do," said Peter Matthews, President and CEO of MVCU. "Taking the time at the holidays to embrace the credit union philosophy of 'people helping people' has become a tradition for the credit union and its employees – a tradition that I'm proud to personally be a part of."

Leading up to Thanksgiving, the Lawrence-based credit union donated \$5,000 and 100 insulated tote bags to Neighbors in Need to assist local families during the holiday season especially those affected by

the gas explosion.



On Wednesday, November 21, 16 MVCU representatives assisted in Ocasio's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Brigade, an annual tradition that MVCU has participated in for the past 17 years. Staff and family members aided in the assembly and delivery of 525 turkey dinners throughout the greater-Haverhill community. In addition to this hands-on work, MVCU also contributed \$2,000 towards the purchase of turkeys and ingredients.

Ten MVCU employees gathered on Monday, November

26 to host a community meal at the Haverhill Citizen's Center through Community Meals, Inc. The volunteers helped to serve the meal and provided desserts for nearly 150 diners.

About Merrimack Valley Credit Union

Merrimack Valley Credit Union is a \$614 million asset not-for-profit community credit union serving

anyone who lives, works, volunteers or attends school or 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.

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