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## Service 1st Donates \$270K to Local Charities

(Danville, PA) - Service 1st Federal Credit Union presented donations to more than fifty-five local nonprofit organizations just in time for the holidays through its annual Magic of the Season initiative.

Throughout December, \$270,000 was awarded to organizations serving communities throughout northeastern and central Pennsylvania. The donations supported a variety of local causes, ranging from children's causes to libraries and food assistance programs. Overall, five charities in each of the credit union's market areas received donations.

As part of the initiative, the Service 1st team surprised organizations throughout December, helping nonprofits close out the year with additional support for their important causes.

This year's Magic of the Season initiative held added significance as Service 1st celebrated its 50th anniversary, with members playing an active role in helping select the organizations receiving donations.

"Reaching our 50th year is a reminder that Service 1st has always been about more than financial services," said Michael Thomas, President/CEO of Service 1st Federal Credit Union. "It's about showing up for one another, listening to our communities, and finding meaningful ways to support what matters most. Initiatives like Magic of the Season help carry that momentum forward as we step into the new year."

Representatives from recipient organizations have expressed appreciation for the support, noting that the donations helped fill funding gaps and strengthen programs that serve local communities.

**Recipients by office location, include:** **Bloomsburg** – AGAPE, Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, The Bloomsburg Children's Museum, The Well House and The Women's Center; **Danville** – Danville Area Community Center, Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper, Inc.; Ronald McDonald House Danville, The Good Samaritan Mission and ThinkBIG Pediatric Cancer Fund; **Elysburg** – Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Elysburg Food Pantry, Kulpmont 100, OASIS Community Recovery Club and PCC Corner of Hope; **Lewisburg** – Boys Scouts of America – Susquehanna Council, Donald Heiter Community Center, Lewisburg Children's Museum, The Arc of Union County and Union County Library Systems; **Loyalsock/Williamsport** – Eat Share, Family Promise of Lycoming County, Firetree Place, XTRA Special

Individuals and YWCA Williamsport; **Mifflinburg** – Bethesda Family Services Foundation, Diakon Behavioral Health Services, Rabbitcares, Transitions of PA and Union County Housing Associates; **Montandon** – Changing Lives Together, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – Kids Café, Kingdom Kidz, Inc., Milton Lutheran Church – Self Care Sanctuary and Happy Tails Pet Pantry and The Salvation Army; **Muncy** – American Rescue Workers Hughesville, Empower Stride, Families United Network – Adoption Services, Muncy Community Action Program and West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; **Shamokin Dam** – Kidsgrove Playground, Snyder County Coalition for Kids, Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc. and Union-Snyder Community Action Agency; **Sunbury** – Christ United Methodist Church – Blessing Shed, Haven Ministry Center, Northumberland County Area Agency on Aging, Susquehanna River Valley Dental Health Clinic and YMCA Food Pantry; **Wilkes-Barre** – Adopt a Single Mom, Christian's Crayons for Autism, Patriots Cove, Victims Resource Center and Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA.

For more information, visit [www.service1.org](http://www.service1.org) or call 800.562.6049.

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**Photo 1 (l-r):** Michael Turlis, Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Danville; Molly Aungst, Director of Marketing and Events, Ronald McDonald House Danville; Crissie, Service 1st Mascot; Tracy Shirk, Board Chair, Service 1st Board of Directors; Mike Thomas, President/CEO, Service 1st; Rachael Herb, Vice President Danville Market, Service 1st; and Santa, as part of Service 1st's Magic of the Season Kick-Off.

**Photo 2 (l-r):** Christina Gehring, Union County Library Systems; Megan Snyder, Assistant Market Manager, Service 1st; and Alex Schwartzman, Union County Library Systems.

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**About Service 1st: We're a little different, but that's why you'll like us.** Service 1st Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution with total assets exceeding \$766 million. We put the financial goals of our 50,000+ members at the heart of everything we do. Whether in one of our branches located in Bloomsburg, Danville, Elysburg, Lewisburg, Loyalty, Mifflinburg, Montandon, Muncy, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre, or out-and-about in the community, our credit union team shares seven core values that ensure our focus is always to strengthen the financial lives of our members and our community.

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