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Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's North Branch Raises \$678.94 for Alpena Shriners



In photo: Lauren Clarke, SEG Coordinator, and Mary Gliniecki, Director of Operations at AAACU present Wayne McWilliams and Michael Barnett of the Alpena Shrine Club with a check for \$678.94.

Alpena, Michigan, January 14, 2011— Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's North Branch was able to raise \$678.94 for the Alpena Shriners.

The Alpena Shrine Club is a fraternal organization which

supports Shriners Hospitals for Children—a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. The Alpena Shrine Club provides free transportation, lodging and meals for the child receiving treatment and also for one of his/her parents or guardians. The Alpena Shrine Club transports about 200 children each year. The Shriner's van leaves Alpena and picks up patients all the way to Lansing. A normal trip transfers two to four patients for treatment. The closest Shriners Hospital is the Chicago Hospital or Cincinnati Burns Institute, which means the average round trip to either hospital is 1,000 miles and consists of an overnight stay.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union employees select four community or charity organizations that they would like to fundraise for during each quarter of the year. During the 4th quarter of 2010 (October 1st though December 31st) the staff of Alpena North Branch of AAACU, located at 1013 US 23 North, chose to focus their efforts on The Alpena Shriners. Staff organized many different fundraisers to raise money. Candy bars were sold at teller windows, and staff could donate \$2.00 on Fridays to dress down in jeans and sneakers. Staff raffled gift baskets and also sold "Santa Bucks"—special dollar bills with Santa's picture on them.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 8 locations—a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, Atlanta, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Oscoda and Tawas offices, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of December 31, 2010, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 27,041 members and has total assets equal to \$243,605,147.

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