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## Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Oscoda Branch Collected Toys, Raises \$1756.59 for Toys for Tots

**Top photo:** From L to R, Oscoda Branch Manager Joan Myles (center) presents Dustin Palmer, at right, and Wayne Krasinski, on left, with a check for \$1756.59 for Toys for Tots.

**Middle photo:** AAACU collected toys for Toys for Tots.

**Bottom photo:** L to R: Quilt raffle winner Cindy Bailey and AAACU employee Debbie Dault

**Oscoda, Michigan, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**— Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, the Oscoda Branch of the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, located at 103 S. State Street, was able to donate \$1,756.59 to Toys for

Tots along with many toys for the charity.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Dustin Palmer and Wayne Krasinski, volunteers for Toys for Tots, accepted the check for \$1,756.59 in a check presentation ceremony held at the Oscoda branch on December 30th, 2010.



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, the staff of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Oscoda Branch chose to focus their efforts on Toys for Tots. The Oscoda Branch organized many different fundraisers to raise money for the charity. The staff held a bake sale, sold candy bars, sold Toys for Tots cards that formed a train around the branch lobby, and "Santa Bucks"—special dollar bills with Santa's picture on them. Staff could also pay \$2 to

wear jeans on Fridays. The Oscoda staff worked together to make a handmade quilt to raise money.

*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 November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 26,965 members and has total assets equal to \$242,516,175. # # #*

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