

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's North Branch Donates \$496.85 to Help Keep Kids Warm



In photo at left: North Branch employees Cheryl Bauer, Mary Gliniecki, and Karen LaFleche present Dorothy Pintar, Director of School Success for NEMSCA, and Paige Bilyeu, School Success Worker from Wilson Elementary with winter wear and a check for \$180.69 to be distributed through the schools to local kids in need.

Alpena, Michigan, January 16th, 2012—Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of their membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's North Branch presented school success workers of Alpena Public Schools with over \$316.16 worth of coats, boots, mittens,

gloves, hats, and scarves, plus a check for \$180.69 to help keep kids warm this winter.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union selects four community or charity organizations to fundraise for during each quarter of the year. During the 4th quarter of 2011 (October 1st through December 31st) the staff of the Alpena North Branch, located at 1013 US 23 North, decided that they wanted to do something to help out local school children. When they asked about what they could do to help the students, they were told about how many children in our community have to wait for the school bus or go out to recess without proper winter weather attire. The North Branch decided to collect new or gently used winter wear that the School Success Workers could give to the children that are in need.

The North Branch staff organized many different fundraisers to raise money. Candy bars and special "Santa Bucks" were sold at teller windows. Staff could donate \$2.00 on Fridays to dress down in jeans and sneakers. The staff also held a raffle for a grocery cart full of donated food and sold evergreen Christmas wreaths and garlands. The staff also displayed a tree in the lobby for members to bring in their own new and used donations to help keep kids warm this winter. Some members even brought in brand-new and hand-knitted items.

"One member came in with a giant bag of items—after she walked away we realized that all of the things she brought were brand-new with the tags still on. Another member brought us hand-knitted items on several different occasions—she said that she enjoyed knitting and was glad to help someone else. We are very excited that we were able to raise so much and collect so many items—we are very thankful for the support of the community," said Karen LaFleche, POD Supervisor and Fundraising Committee Chairperson at the Alpena North Branch.

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 31st, 2011, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 26,705 members and has total assets equal to \$251,184,785. This Credit Union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

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