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Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Main Branch and Ossineke Branch Raise \$909.78 for St. Bernard's Friendship Room



In photo, from left to right: Randy MacAulay from St. Bernard's Friendship room and AAACU employees Colleen Miller, Erin June, Angie King, Justin Southard, Jamie Quick, Denise Chapman, and Cheryl Christensen. AAACU's Main Office and Ossineke office raised a total \$909.78 for St. Bernard's Friendship room.

Alpena, Michigan, July 22nd, 2010: Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Main Branch and Ossineke Branch were able to raise a total of \$909.78 for St. Bernard's Friendship Room.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union employees select four community or charity organizations that they would like to raise money for during each quarter of the year. During the 2nd quarter of 2010 (April 1st though June 30th) the staff of both the Main Branch and the Ossineke Branch of AAACU chose to focus their efforts on St. Bernard's Friendship Room.

St. Bernard's Friendship Room, located at 322. W. Chisholm in Alpena, provides hot meals Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone asking for a meal will be fed without charge and without questions asked. St. Bernard's Friendship Room is a volunteer service subsidized by financial and food contributions from the Alpena community and surrounding area. (For more information, the Friendship Room can be reached at (989) 354-8018.)

The Ossineke Branch of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, located at 11610 US-23 S., was able to raise \$309.15 through several fundraisers, including selling bags of "Just Because" candy, York Mints, and raffling a gift certificate to Connie's Café in Ossineke, and a Father's Day gift basket. The Alpena Main Branch, located at 1100 S. Bagley, raised \$660.63 with a "cutest pet" contest and raffles. They also collected non-perishable items for the Friendship room. Both offices allowed employees to dress down in jeans or tennis shoes if employees made a \$2 donation for the charity. Between the two offices, they were able to present St. Bernard's Friendship room with a check for \$909.78 and five boxes of non-perishable food items.

Justin Southard, Loan Interviewer at the Alpena Main Branch said, "We chose to raise money for the Friendship Room to stick to the credit union motto of 'people helping people.' We wanted to help those less fortunate than ourselves—and what better way to do that than to raise money for the Friendship Room!"

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 June 30th, 2010, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 27,038 members and has total assets equal to \$242,378,192.92.

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