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## **Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Alpena North Branch Raises over \$400 for The Huron Humane Society**



***Photo at Left: From Right to Left:*** Angela Williams (Human Resources Director at AAACU) and her son Charlie, and Lauren Clarke (SEG Coordinator at AAACU) and her husband Troy volunteered at the Huron Humane Society June 19th. Also pictured—Charlie the cocker spaniel, one of the many pets at the Huron Humane Society. Staff from the North Branch focused on raising funds of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year on HHS and also took time to volunteer. ***Photo on Right: On the left,*** AAACU employee Jenni Ballor poses next to a car laden with donations from AAACU for the Huron Humane Society. ***On the right,*** HHS employee Natalie Francis holds one of the many friendly cats at HHS looking for a forever home.

**Alpena, Michigan, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was able to raise over \$400 for the Huron Humane Society.

The Huron Humane Society (HHS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for the homeless dogs and cats of Alpena County. They usually houses over 20 dogs and 80 cats at a time. They rely on donations from private individuals and organizations like Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union to keep their doors open and continue their mission of healing, rehabilitating, providing shelter for homeless cats and dogs while finding new homes. HHS is located at 3510 Woodward Avenue in Alpena. They are open to the public Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 4:30pm and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Alpena North branch of Alpena Alcona Area, located at 1013 US 23 North, organized many different fundraisers to raise money for Huron Humane Society. Candy bars were sold at teller windows, and staff could donate \$2.00 on Fridays to dress down in jeans and sneakers. They also held a bake sale and raffled two gift baskets.

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 2nd quarter of 2010 (April 1<sup>st</sup> though June 30<sup>th</sup>) the staff of Alpena North Branch of AAACU chose to focus their efforts on The Huron Humane Society.

Some staff members arranged a day to volunteer together on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at HHS. One of the staff members who volunteered, Angela Williams, Director of Human Resources said, "Like many other staff members at AAACU, I love animals and it's sad to think that there are so many of them without homes. I can't take them all home with me, so I'm just trying to help out in whatever way I can."

Charlie Williams, her 7-year old son who also volunteered, had a different view, "This is the best day of my life!"

*Alpena Alpena Area Credit Union serves members primarily in Alpena, Alpena, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 8 locations—a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, Atlanta, a Tiger Branch in Alpena Community Schools, Oscoda and Tawas offices, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Alpena Alpena Area Credit Union provides service to 27,038 members and has total assets equal to \$242,378,192.92.*

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