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Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Donates to Alpena High School Gear Up Program



Alpena, MI—Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) recently donated \$575 to the Alpena High School GEAR UP Program. The MI GEAR UP Program works with high schools throughout the state to offer students the academic skills, information, and encouragement they need to not only graduate from high school but also to apply, attend and gain the skills needed to earn a college or university degree.

This year the donated funds will go to support two events. \$100 will go to an Upper Peninsula STEM career exposure trip with visits to Garyn Zoo, Tahquamenon Falls, Kitch-iti-kipi and Northern Michigan University in Marquette. The other \$475 will support a summer camp hosted in partnership with Alpena Community College for students in 8th through 11th grade to explore the vast programs offered at Alpena Community College.

This donation is made possible by the credit union’s Community Investment Fund. These funds are comprised of dollars donated back into our communities thanks to credit union members who choose to receive their monthly statements electronically. The credit union pledges to donate \$9.00 annually for each of these e-statements accounts. In 2026, AAACU will donate up to \$320,406.00 back into the communities they serve.

AAACU is a state-chartered credit union with membership eligibility open to any resident in the state of Michigan. As of April 30, 2026, AAACU provides service to 49,762 members with total assets equal to \$967,128,797.