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Desjardins Ontario Credit Union donates \$34,000 to its communities

May 14, 2020 – In light of #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day dedicated to donations and solidarity, which took place on May 5, 2020, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union helped charities working in the communities it serves.

This global day of action has mobilized people from around the world to harness the power of human contact and strengthen local communities in order to provide an emergency response to the unprecedented needs generated by COVID-19.

Desjardins Ontario Credit Union donated \$1,000 to various community organizations. This includes the McCulloch Hospice in Sudbury, the Temiskaming Hospital, the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation, the Hamilton Food Share, the Windsor Regional Hospital, *La Cité*, Saint-Paul University, the Ottawa Community Housing Foundation and *I'ACFO (Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry)*. Furthermore, most of these donations were matched by local companies as part of the #GivingTuesdayNow initiative.

"Thank you so much for your generous donation. I know that our patients appreciate your kind support. Your gift also gives a boost to our front-line staff who are working long hours to stabilize and protect patients. On their behalf, I also thank you," said Dr. Wassim Saad from the Windsor Regional Hospital.

In addition, the Credit Union matched the donations received on #GivingTuesdayNow for the Montfort Hospital, for a total of \$25,000. This allowed the Montfort Hospital to raise \$50,800 for COVID-19 emergency funds.

About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union

Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. serves 130,000 active members mainly in the private, commercial, real estate and agricultural sectors, has 50 branches and close to 650 employees. It has a business volume of more than \$ 13.6 billion and assets of more than \$ 6.5 billion, including more than \$3.9 billion in personal loans and more than \$ 1.8 billion in business loans. This strong, high-performing organization, with rich and diverse expertise, is a major employer in Ontario with a payroll of more than \$46 million. It is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 17 elected directors. This new credit union is the sixth largest credit union/caisse populaire in Canada.

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