

Giving Tuesday: December 1st, 2020
Desjardins Ontario Credit Union donates nearly \$ 60,000

Ottawa, December 1st, 2020 – To help social organizations with their Christmas preparations, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union donated nearly \$ 60,000 to food banks, snowsuit projects, hospitals and other charities across Ontario.

This gesture of solidarity is in addition to the \$ 25,000 given to food banks at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and to various Desjardins Group initiatives. Fundraising activities were limited this year for organizations, and since the pandemic continues, it is important for the Credit Union to support organizations that help people in need.

"Through the pandemic HGMH has been humbled by the outpouring of support from our community. Again, our community has stepped up to support our local hospital. The recent donation from the Caisse Populaire shows the compassion and leadership that the Caisse demonstrates in our community. Their donation will support a drive to furnish holiday gifts for our patients - many of whom have been separated from their families for some time. The donation from the Caisse is a truly heartwarming gesture. On behalf our staff, physicians and patients we thank you and wish you all the best for the season!" Glengarry Memorial Hospital CEO, Michael Cohen

" All of us are affected in some way by COVID-19. The most vulnerable people even more because they are already in a precarious situation. For us, being an active member of our community means taking action when it counts. In 2020, in addition to the 8.5 million dollars in dividends to our members, we will have given nearly 1.5 million dollars in donations, sponsorships, community development fund, Momentum Fund, Créavenir and the GoodSparks Fund in Ontario. This is the Desjardins difference!" Stéphane Trottier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

Assistance measures for members

Desjardins was the first financial institution to implement numerous relief measures for its individual and business members and clients affected by COVID-19. The cooperative continues to do so by announcing additional measures such as an emergency loan and the possibility of a temporary reduction in the credit card interest rate. For full details and all the measures: www.desjardins.com/covid-19 .

About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union

Desjardins Ontario Credit Union serves 130,000 active members mainly in the private, commercial, real estate and agricultural sectors and has 50 branches. It has a business volume of more than \$16.7 billions and assets of more than \$8.2 billion. This strong, high-performing organization, with rich and diverse expertise, has 650 employees, making them a major employer in Ontario. It is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 17 elected directors and 2 young Intern directors. The Canadian Credit Union Association recognized Desjardins Ontario Credit Union in its most recent report as the 6th largest credit union in Canada based on assets and 2nd in Ontario.

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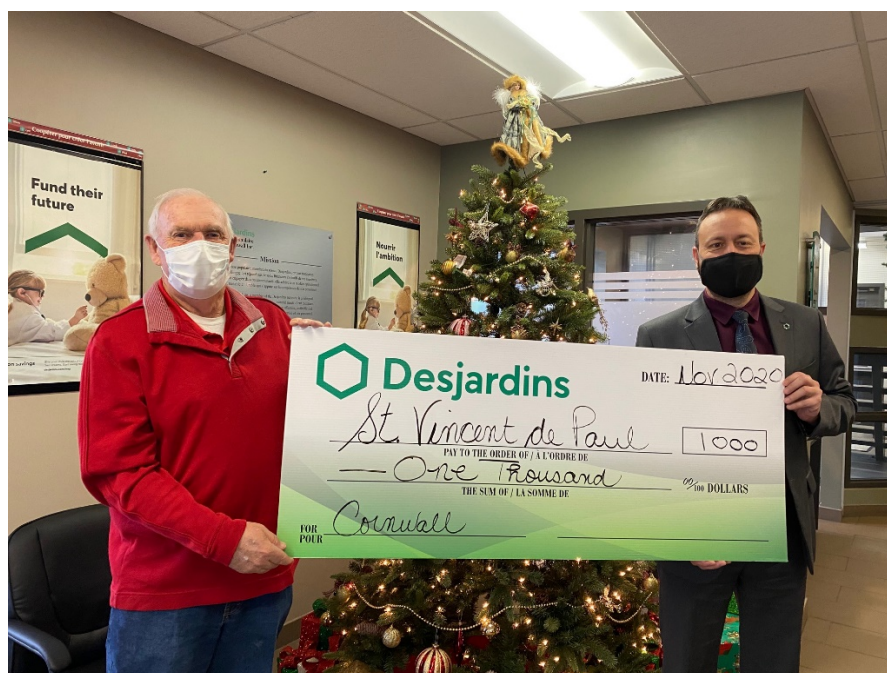
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List of donations:

<p><u>Eastern Ontario</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Société Saint Vincent de Paul, Alexandria • Food Bank Alfred • Food Bank Casselman • Agape Centre, Cornwall • Good Neighbours Food Bank, Embrun • Hawkesbury Central Food Bank • St. Vincent de Paul Society, Cornwall • Banque alimentaire Bourget • Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital 	<p><u>Toronto and Southwestern Ontario</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Shepherd Ministries • The Salvation Army • The Windsor Essex Food Bank Association • St.Margaret's Food Bank • Port Cares • Parkdale community Food bank • Feed the need in Durham • Welland Food Drive • Project Share • Chatham outreach for hunger
<p><u>Sudbury and Northern Ontario</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudbury Food Bank • Friendship House Food Bank • Good Neighbours Valley East Food Bank • Cochrane Food Bank • Matheson Food Bank • Salvation Army - New Liskeard - Family Services and Food Bank • Samaritan Centre - Elgin Street Mission • Associations des jeunes de la rue • Sudbury Action Center for Youth • Centre Victoria pour Femmes • Espanola Food Bank • Haileybury Food Bank 	<p><u>Ottawa</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partage Vanier • Parkdale Food Centre • Ottawa Food Bank • Clarence-Rockland Food Bank • Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre • Coopérative Ami Jeunesse • Hunt Club Community Association • Centre des Ressources Communautaire de la Basse-Ville • Paroisse St-Mathieu • Les Chevaliers de Colomb • Paroisse Ste-Félicité • Paroisse St-Joseph - St-Vincent de Paul • Paroisse Notre-Dame des Champs • La Société Saint-Vincent de Paul • Conférence Ste Trinité • Paroisse Saint-Gabriel • Centre de ressources communautaires Rideau-Rockliffe • Société St-Vincent de Paul - Conférence St-Sébastien • Paroisse Sainte-Marie St-Vincent de Paul • Rendez-vous des aînés francophones d'Ottawa RAFO



Vanier Community Service Centre



St. Vincent de Paul in Cornwall