

Press Release

Providence Federal Credit Union supports Providence Helping Hand Fund with a \$50,000 match for funds raised

Milwaukie, OR, September 1, 2016: Providence Federal Credit Union is proud to provide a **\$50,000 match** for funds raised for the Helping Hand Fund, which is part of the 2016 Providence Health & Services Giving Campaign for the month of September. That means whether Providence Health & Services employees donate \$1 or \$1,000, their gift will be doubled. Every year the Helping Hand Fund provides confidential support (financial and other resources) to eligible Providence caregivers who are struggling and need temporary help – with paying rent or utilities, escaping a domestic abuse situation, covering their medical bills, having enough food for them and their families, and meeting other basic needs.

“The Helping Hand Fund campaign’s goal this year is to raise at least \$100,000,” says Shirley Cate, Providence Federal Credit Union President/CEO. “We learned from Tam Everard, Development Coordinator for Providence Portland Medical Foundation, that the funds have diminished over the years due to the increased needs from so many. It’s our understanding that the current fund is not sustainable through 2018. Therefore, it’s critical that Providence Federal Credit Union steps in to help raise as much money as possible to continue to support those amongst us that need it most.”

Kathy (not her real name) recently took in her three young grandchildren because their mother has addiction issues. Kathy struggled to pay for a larger apartment, buy beds and clothes for her grandchildren and purchase school supplies. “You don’t really know what the person next to you may be going through,” says Kathy. “Thanks to the Helping Hand Fund, I was able to get into an apartment in a good, safe area and pay my first and last months’ rent. That was huge.”

“I think we can all agree that everyone needs help at some point in their lives,” says Cate. “I would love to be able to cut a check for \$50,000. I think together we can make this happen.”

Go to Providence Federal Credit Union’s website providencecu.org/helpinghands to learn more, donate online or download a pledge form.



Providence Federal Credit Union was founded in 1962 with over \$127 million in assets and serves over 15,000 members. The Credit Union serves Providence Health & Services employees and employees in the health care industry in Oregon and Washington with two full-service branches and three Service Centers in Oregon. To learn more about Providence Federal Credit Union visit their web site at www.providencecu.org.

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