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Unitus Community Credit Union Members and Employees Donate Nearly 4,000 Holiday Items to Five Area Non-Profits

PORTLAND, Ore. – Despite the nationwide economic downturn, Unitus Community Credit Union collected nearly 4,000 items for area charities during the 2008 holiday charitable giving drive.

Members and employees provided new clothing, food, new toys, formula and diapers for babies, toothbrushes, blankets and sleeping bags, among other items. Even cats and dogs will benefit from about 100 pounds of food brought to Unitus branches.

The week of Dec. 15, employees delivered the donated items to these charities: SnowCap, Good Neighbor Center, Clackamas Women’s Services, Helping Hands and Share.

During the holidays Unitus also donates \$5 for every new membership and checking account opened at each branch.

“Unitus is proud to be able to partner with our adopted charities at this special time of year. We thank our members and employees for their generous contributions to help make our annual drive so successful,” said Patricia Smith, president and CEO.



Delivering some of the nearly 4,000 holiday gift items collected at Unitus branches are Jeff Tennant and Tracy Streebel, both business development officers.

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