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Minn. CU Foundation's Credit Unions for Kids donates \$155,000+ children's hospital

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Representatives from the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation presented Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare a check for more than \$155,000 today. The money was raised in 2008 by the Minnesota Credit Union for Kids (MnCU4Kids) committee, a subcommittee of the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation.

In 2008, MnCU4Kids worked with credit unions around the state to raise money for Gillette, Minnesota's Children's Miracle Network-affiliated hospital. The volunteer committee coordinated a variety of large- and small-scale fundraisers to engage credit unions and credit union members from all corners of Minnesota. Fundraisers included a summer golf tournament, Bowl-O-Rama, Chain of Hearts, and an interactive basketball contest involving bungee cords. Individual credit unions also coordinated their own fundraisers that consisted of cook-outs, candy bar and popcorn sales, and casual days.



Representatives from the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation present a check to Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare for more than \$155,000. Picture (L-R): Marty Kelly & Katie Grindeland, CU4Kids co-chairs; Nick Nelson, patient at Gillette Children's Hospital; Kristi Mukomela, Chair of the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation; and Mark D. Cummins, President of the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation.

“Through the cooperative efforts of the Credit Union for Kids committee and credit unions across the state, the committee surpassed its fundraising goal and donated more than \$155,000 to the hospital,” said Kristi Mukomela, Chair of the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation. “Minnesota credit unions’ active support of the Children’s Miracle Network demonstrates their commitment to helping people in the communities they serve.”

MnCU4Kids also received support from several local and national companies that work with credit unions, most notably CO-OP Financial Services. CO-OP Financial Services matched \$20,000 in funds raised at the committee’s golf tournament and its

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basketball fundraiser held at the Minnesota Credit Union Network's Annual Meeting. Its support of MnCU4Kids in 2008 was part of CO-OP Financial Services' broader efforts, donating \$1 million dollars nationwide to Children's Miracle Network hospitals through its Miracle Match program.

All money raised through the MnCU4Kids program supports Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, helping kids with disabilities and chronic conditions. Gillette is based in St. Paul, with clinics located around the state. Credit Unions for Kids is a national program, which is endorsed by nearly all 50 state credit union leagues.

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*The **Minnesota Credit Union Foundation** is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 to serve as a charitable arm of the Minnesota credit union movement. For more information, visit www.mncufoundation.org.*

***Credit Unions for Kids** is a collaboration of credit unions, chapters, leagues and business partners engaged in fundraising activities to benefit Children's Miracle Network affiliate hospitals. For more information, visit www.mncu4kids.org.*