



Federal Credit Union

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Wakota Federal Credit Union to Participate in CU Forward Day of Kindness

WFCU employees to volunteer and spread kindness in the South St. Paul and surrounding communities

***Editor's note:** CU Forward Day is Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, across Minnesota. We welcome media coverage at our CU Forward Day location. To coordinate, please contact us at the information above. Thank you for your interest!*

South St. Paul, MN- On Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, [Wakota Federal Credit Union](#) (WFCU) will join 37 other Minnesota credit unions and partners dedicating a total of 12,224 volunteer hours in 80 Minnesota communities with an estimated impact on more than 33,574 people for [CU Forward Day](#).

"As not-for-profit financial institutions, Minnesota's credit unions work every day to improve their members' financial lives," said Minnesota Credit Union Network President & CEO Mark Cummins. "The collaborative effort on CU Forward Day is a perfect example of credit unions fulfilling their 'people helping people' philosophy."

At this collaborative event, all WFCU employees will be volunteering roughly 60 hours benefiting residents of the [John Carroll and Nan McKay buildings](#) and the Dakota County communities. Volunteers will be distributing goodie bags, doing fall yard work for [360 Communities' Eagan Lewis House](#) and sorting food at the [Neighbors, Inc food shelf](#). In addition, a cash donation to a local non-profit, selected by the employees, will be donated by WFCU following the statewide kindness day.

"Being a source of kindness in our communities is one of the simplest ways we can give back," said Mary Matheson, President and CEO of Wakota Federal Credit Union. "Joining other credit unions in an effort to spread kindness across our state showcases the true power of collaboration."

Credit unions are devoted to the philosophy of "People Helping People" which is exhibited by their cooperative structures, support of financial education, and active engagement within their communities.

The statewide CU Forward Day was originated as Plus It Forward Day created by Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union in 2013. This collaborative community outreach day conducted by Minnesota credit unions, which are local, trusted not-for-profit financial cooperatives, will continue on an annual basis.

About Wakota Federal Credit Union

Established in 1931, Wakota Federal Credit Union formally known as Armour Credit Union was originally formed to provide "Savings and Thrift" to the Armour Foods employees and their families. Our name was changed in 1997 to Wakota Federal Credit Union as we became a community and federally chartered credit union. The name Wakota is derived from a bridge in South St. Paul that connects Washington and Dakota Counties. Wakota is a word that is easily identifiable to the community of South St Paul where our main office is located. Wakota FCU has grown considerably since its inception and now services all of Dakota County providing all the "Big Bank" services with that small home town feel. While our heart is in South St Paul, our members can transact business at over 5000 credit union shared branches metro, nationally and worldwide. We are YOUR Banking Alternative. To learn more visit www.wakotafcu.org or call us at 651.451.3330

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