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**SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF EFFORTS WITH
\$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION**

TAMPA, Fla. (May 4, 2020) – Suncoast Credit Union, Florida’s largest credit union, announces a one million dollar donation to provide economic relief to those affected by COVID-19 in the communities the credit union serves. As an essential service provider, the credit union has been on the front lines interacting from a safe distance with employees and members who have also been affected. That unique window created the will to assess and assist with problems associated with the coronavirus.

After careful review, executives of the credit union made the decision to focus on three primary areas of need that correlate to the history and core values of the credit union. These key areas have been seriously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and specific organizations names are attached. Funds will be distributed to relieve stress in the areas of:

- Healthcare
- Hunger
- Education

While Suncoast has been an active member of the communities it serves both as a community partner and through the funding of the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, this donation is the first of its size during the credit union’s 86 year history.

“While we are focused on supporting our members financially, we feel a moral obligation to support other basic needs during this very challenging time. We admire and are inspired by other charitable organizations who are providing relief through private donations like ours,” said Suncoast Credit Union President & CEO Kevin Johnson. “People are struggling through no fault of their own and because of the support of our Board of Directors, Suncoast is committed to doing what we can to address these serious needs.”

Organizations will be notified of specific donations beginning the first week of May. Organizations have been selected due to need, viability and sustainability and with consideration to the Mission, Vision and Core Values of Suncoast Credit Union.

In 1990, Suncoast Credit Union founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to benefit sick children and their families and to support educational initiatives. The foundation is a vehicle for Suncoast to support the communities served and assist residents who live there. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised and donated over \$29 million to help provide a better future for the children of the communities Suncoast serves. In 2019, the Foundation donated \$3.5 million. This particular contribution is separate from and in addition to the Foundation giving.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the ninth largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$11.4 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 71 full-service branches and serves more than 884,000 members in the following 39

Florida counties: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter and Volusia. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$29 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit: suncoastcreditunion.com or follow us on social media at: [Facebook.com/SuncoastCreditUnion](https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastCreditUnion), [Linkedin.com/company/suncoastcreditunion](https://www.linkedin.com/company/suncoastcreditunion), [Twitter.com/SuncoastCU](https://twitter.com/SuncoastCU) or [Instagram.com/suncoastcreditunion](https://www.instagram.com/suncoastcreditunion).

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Breakdown of Funds:

Healthcare: 

Hunger: 

Education: 



Lee Memorial Hospital – Ft. Myers – \$100,000

- First responders
- Digital divide – iPads for virtual patient visitation
- Mental health support for both patients and employees
- Providing in-house childcare for employees



Tampa General Hospital – Tampa – \$100,000

- First responders
- Digital divide – iPads for virtual patient visitation



Crisis Center of Tampa Bay – \$100,000

- Mental health of first responders
- 24/7 mental health (suicide, rape, travelers Aid, trauma counseling, transcare ambulances – non-life threatening transport)



Seniors in Service – Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco – \$50,000

- Telepal home isolation resources



Feeding Florida – Entire State – \$100,000

- Food insecurities
- 12 partners and 2,400 agencies, 40% increase in need
- Rural communities are big focus



City of Tampa – One Tampa Fund – \$100,000

- Relief for small businesses and residents
- Provides, rent, mortgage, utility payments



Meals on Wheels of Tampa – \$50,000



United Way of Lee County – Lee, Hendry, Glades, Okeechobee – \$50,000

- Food, basic necessities, support for utilities
- Working with veterans
- Providing face shields to over 10,000 for healthcare workers, law enforcement and store workers
- 211 Helpline providing resources and assistance to callers in need of relief



Community Food Bank – Hernando County – \$50,000

- Food distribution to 53 sites, emergency deliveries to shut-ins
- Providing pre-bagged perishable to residents



Feeding Tampa Bay – Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Polk, Sumter – \$50,000

- Food insecurities
- Matched dollars from Tampa Bay Rays and Rowdies Foundation



Guadalupe Center – Immokalee – \$25,000

- Early childhood tutoring, upgrading current computers



Charlotte Education Foundation – \$25,000



Citrus Education Foundation – \$25,000



Glades Education Foundation – \$25,000



Hendry Education Foundation – \$25,000



Levy Education Foundation – \$25,000



Pasco Hernando State College – \$25,000



Polk State College – \$25,000



State College of Florida – Manatee/Sarasota – \$25,000



St. Pete College – \$25,000