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## **AHCU Collects Donations 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a Row for Homeless Youth in MN**

**Coon Rapids, MN – January 18, 2024** – Community-based Anoka Hennepin Credit Union hosted its annual Giving Tree homeless youth donation drive in November & December 2023. The drive benefitted two non-profit organizations, Hope4Youth, and Avenues for Youth, pillars of good in local homeless youth communities. During the drive, AHCU members and employees generously donated to the non-profit's most needed items, such as various hygiene items, new clothing, diapers, phone chargers, and much more.

In total, AHCU collected numerous hygiene and other personal care items and almost \$800 in local gift cards. AHCU's Giving Tree youth homeless donation drive was created to embrace the spirit of giving during the unusually challenging time the holidays bring for locally struggling Youth. With more than 6,000 homeless youth on any given night in Minnesota, community support is the social driver behind ending youth homelessness.

AHCU is proud to do their part in meeting this need. Hope4Youth's vision is to provide Youth safety, value, and support. Their primary principles are embedded within their namesake - HOPE, which are housing, outreach, prevention, and education/employment. Through those pathways, they make a difference in the future of the Youth experiencing homelessness. To learn more and help support Hope4Youth's work, visit.

Avenues for Youth has been making an impact within the youth homeless community for more than 28 years. Their primary focus is to help Youth find a path out of homelessness where they can flourish. They provide ongoing education, career, health, wellness, and stable housing support. To learn more and help support Avenue for Youth's work, visit their website at <https://avenuesforyouth.org/>.

**About AHCU** - Anoka Hennepin Credit Union is a community-based, nonprofit financial institution. We are a member-owned cooperative governed by a member-elected volunteer board of directors.

At Anoka Hennepin Credit Union, we are driven by our passion for service. Our members always come first. From learning your name to answering your financial questions, we want to get to know you, build a lasting relationship, and help you secure the best possible financial future. Because we're run by members, for members, you can be confident everything at AHCU is done with your best interest in mind.