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MISSISSIPPI CREDIT UNIONS CONTRIBUTE \$25K+ TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN '09

Jackson, MS (2/02/10) – Mississippi credit unions have announced a contribution of more than \$25,000 to Credit Unions for Kids during 2009.



Credit Unions for Kids is the program name under which credit unions raise money to benefit the children's hospitals in the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions that serve groups of people sharing something in common, such as where they work or live.

Raising more than \$12,300, Statewide FCU, Flowood, Ms., has been recognized as the top 2009 Credit Unions for Kids™ fundraiser in Mississippi.

"The results of our fund-raising efforts in 2009 show the true heart and soul of our members and staff. They are always ready to step up and be counted when we call on them. Even in tough economic times, we know that they will come through for those less fortunate," said Paul Armstrong, Statewide FCU General Manager.

However, Credit Unions for Kids was just one organization Statewide FCU supported through its community involvement efforts.

In total, the credit union raised more than \$22,000 during 2009 to help charitable organizations in and near the communities the credit union serves. In addition to Credit Unions for Kids, the credit union helped support the Palmer Home for Children in Columbus; The Little Lighthouse, a Brandon, MS, school for children with Down Syndrome; The Shelter for Abused Women, located in Pearl, MS; and Starkville's Food Pantry and Relay for Life program.

Mississippi credit unions have contributed more than \$305,000 to the CMN hospitals serving Mississippi's children since joining the Credit Unions for Kids™ program in 1999.

Other Mississippi credit unions that contributed to the success of the 2009 Credit Unions for Kids™ program include: Credit Union South, Ferguson FCU, Jackson Area FCU, Magnolia FCU, Members Exchange CU, Mutual CU, and Old South FCU.

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