

The SouthCoast's Very First Bed-Building Event with Local Southern Mass. Credit Unions a Success

On October 29, nearly 80 volunteers from 15 local credit unions joined forces and built 40 beds for local children in need. As part of the Cooperative Credit Union Association's (CCUA) Southern Massachusetts Chapter, St. Anne's Credit Union was overjoyed to host the SouthCoast's very first bed-building event to benefit the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless' (Coalition) A Bed for Every Child initiative. The Coalition specifically works to bridge the gap in children's lives and collaborates across the state to provide free and newly-crafted beds (and a place to dream) for children with limited access to necessities. Volunteers spent the afternoon assembling, sanding and staining new beds that Catholic Social Services will distribute locally in Fall River.

A special thanks to the all participating credit unions who volunteered to make this event a success: Goldmark Federal Credit Union, New Bedford Credit Union, PCT Federal Credit Union, Santo Christo Federal Credit Union, Southern Mass Credit Union, St. Anne's Credit Union, St. Anthony of Padua Federal Credit Union and Taunton Federal Credit Union.

About the Cooperative Credit Union Association: The Cooperative Credit Union Association is a regional trade organization serving as the voice for nearly 200-member credit unions located primarily throughout Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. CCUA members hold combined assets in excess of \$45 billion and serve a collective membership base of more than 2.3 million consumers. It's on

behalf of these member credit unions that CCUA advocates before Congress and state legislatures, regulatory bodies and the general public through its Better Values–Better Banking consumer awareness campaign. In addition to advocacy, CCUA also engages its members with an array of industry resources, from compliance assets and marketing support to vetted products and service providers; an array of educational workshops and conferences; and a variety of communication channels that include a daily e-newsletter, live and recorded video programs, and a quarterly magazine focused on CCUA's advocacy initiatives. For more information, visit www.CCUA.org.

About Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless: The mission of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless is to eradicate homelessness from the commonwealth of Massachusetts. It aims to meet this mission through advocacy, developing and maintaining membership and support, public education, and creation of programs and initiatives to empower all people in Massachusetts to have a place to call home. Learn more at mahomeless.org.

About A Bed for Every Child: A Bed for Every Child is an initiative of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless that distributes new twin beds to children living in poverty throughout Massachusetts. Since its inception, the program has delivered more than 7,000 beds. Learn more at www.abedforeverychild.org.