



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Members First Credit Union Employees Go Casual to Benefit Manchester Animal Shelter** *Donation provides much-needed support for essential expenses.*



**PHOTO CAPTION:** Members First Credit Union employees recently donated \$530 from their *Casual Friday Fund* to the Manchester Animal Shelter. Credit Union employees donate \$5 for the opportunity to dress-down on Fridays; money from the fund is donated to various local charities throughout the year. Members First Credit Union representatives (L-R) Katie, Denise, Terry, Andres and Sharlene present the donation to Sandy Haynes, volunteer coordinator, Manchester Animal Shelter, and Jillian and Becky, Labrador retriever mix dogs who are currently available for adoption and hope to go home together.

**MANCHESTER, NH (February 9, 2018)** – [Members First Credit Union](#) employees take casual day seriously. Each Friday, employees give \$5 to dress down in jeans and other casual attire to support local charities. Members First recently donated \$530 from the *Casual Friday Fund* to the [Manchester Animal Shelter](#).

In 1966, the Manchester Animal Pound transitioned to the non-profit organization, "Friends of Manchester Animal Shelter," and became a no-kill shelter. The organization is almost entirely donor-funded and contributions, such as the recent \$530 donation from the Members First *Casual Friday Fund*, help the shelter meet essential expenses from providing food, shelter and veterinary services to animals, to paying for heat, water and electricity.

"We are committed to serving our community and that includes helping stray, abandoned and homeless animals receive shelter, care and, hopefully, forever homes," said Terry Wiegelman, vice president, marketing and sales, Members First Credit Union. "We also understand the challenges faced by donor-funded non-profits such as Manchester Animal Shelter, and we are pleased to be able to help this vital organization carryout its mission."

The Manchester Animal Shelter takes in stray, abandoned and homeless cats, dogs and various small animals, including rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, and hamsters from the Greater Manchester area. The shelter has one full-time and one part-time staff member, and more than 160 volunteers who work at the shelter itself, at the local PetSmart where you can often find shelter animals available for adoption, and in their homes providing foster care.

"We sincerely appreciate the support of Members First Credit Union," said Sandy Haynes, volunteer coordinator, Manchester Animal Shelter. "This generous donation will help us continue to give Manchester's stray, abandoned and homeless animals a better tomorrow."

For more information about Manchester Animal Shelter, to volunteer, donate or adopt, visit [manchesteranimalshelter.org](http://manchesteranimalshelter.org).

#### **About Members First Credit Union**

Members First Credit Union has been a trusted financial resource since 1949. Our mission is to build valued relationships by delivering financial solutions that simplify the lives of residents and businesses in Manchester and Bedford as well as surrounding communities. A full service financial institution, Members First offers a range of services including investment real estate lending, mortgages, auto loans, checking accounts, electronic services and much more. Membership is open to anyone living or working within 25 miles of one of our branches in Manchester and Bedford. For more information, call 603-622-8781 or visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).

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