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Members First Credit Union Helps Fund Emergency Shelter *\$5,000 Donation Benefits Waypoint's Housing Facility for Youth*

MANCHESTER, NH (January 24, 2023) [Members First Credit Union](#) recently donated \$5,000 to Waypoint, the oldest human services/children's charitable organization in New Hampshire. Waypoint has opened an emergency shelter for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in Manchester. Members First recognizes the tremendous needs facing its community right now and is committed to supporting nonprofits such as Waypoint who are responding to increasing levels of homelessness.

"Giving back to our community has always been one of our primary initiatives," said Michael Simoneau, SVP and community outreach officer, Members First Credit Union. "It's no secret that Manchester is experiencing a greater volume of people struggling with housing insecurity, and that includes area youth. When we heard Waypoint was taking concrete steps to help, we wanted to be a part of their efforts."

Waypoint works collaboratively with New Hampshire and eastern Vermont communities to maintain a social safety net. The emergency shelter in Manchester provides short-term supportive housing for 14 young adults from 18 to 25 years old. While living in the shelter, residents are equipped with the tools to help them gain independence. Waypoint's goal is for the participants to move into safe housing after fewer than 90 days in the program.

"This generous gift from Members First Credit Union will make an immediate and lasting difference in the lives of our state's most vulnerable and at-risk youth," says Borja Alvarez de Toledo, president and CEO of Waypoint. "It is only with community partnerships such as this that we can effectively take the next step toward ending youth homelessness in New Hampshire."

For more information about Waypoint, visit their website at WaypointNH.org.

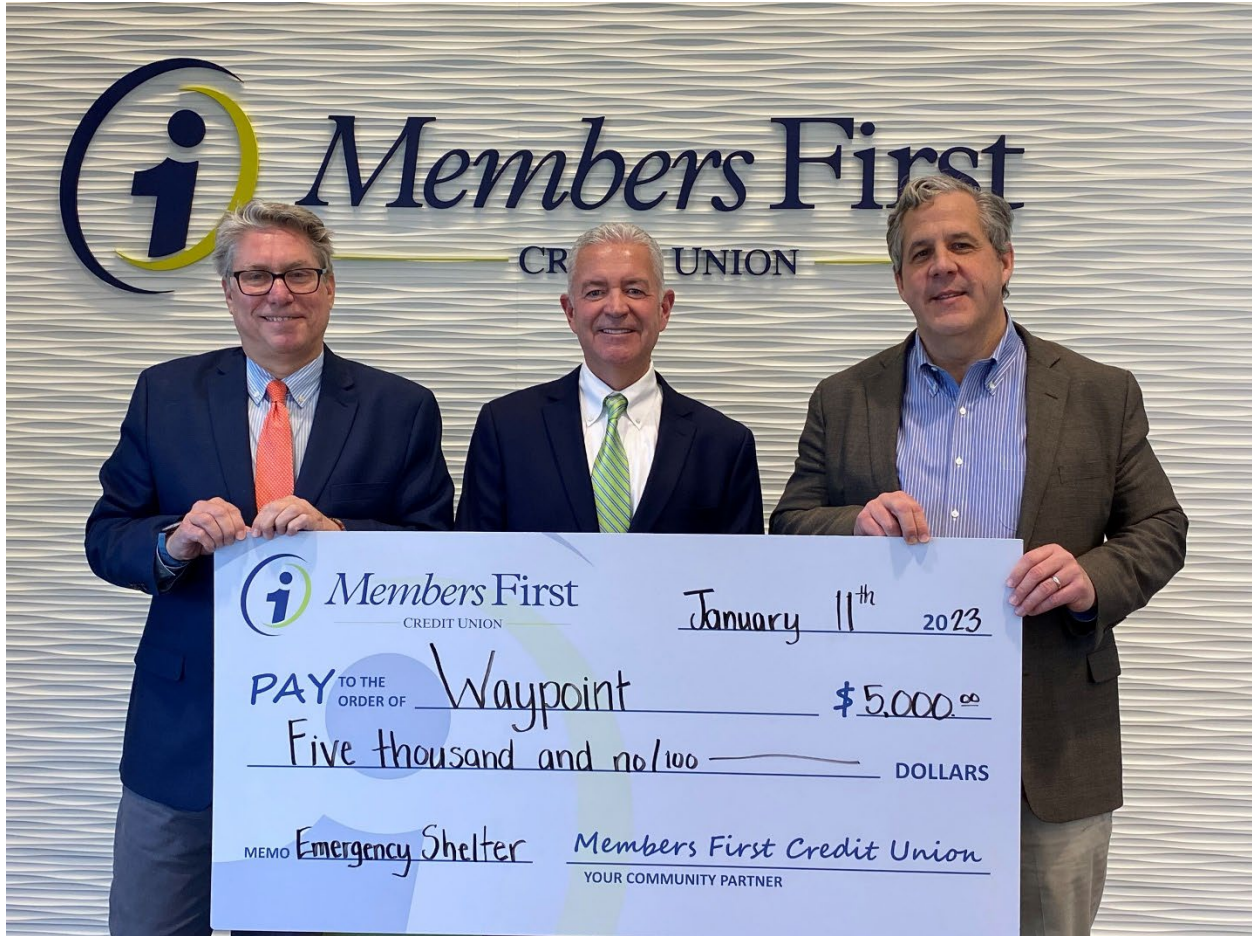


Photo Caption: (L-R): Borja Alvarez de Toledo, Waypoint president and CEO; Michael Simoneau, Members First SVP and community outreach officer; Paul Staller, Waypoint director of development

About Members First Credit Union

Since 1949, Members First Credit Union has been a trusted financial resource in Manchester, Bedford and surrounding communities. We get to know our members so we can recommend the right solutions to help them reach their goals. In other words: we're small enough to make a big difference.

As a full-service financial institution, we offer the products and services our members need, whether for themselves, their family or business. And because we're not for profit, earnings go back to our members, so they can save and borrow at reasonable rates. Membership is open to anyone living, working, or attending school in New Hampshire.

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