



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Members First Credit Union Receives Special Recognition From Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig \$50,000 Donation to Manchester's Safe Station Program Helps Combat Opioid Epidemic**



*(L-R): David Mara, The Governor's Advisor on Addiction and Behavioral Health and Bruce Leighton, Members First Credit Union President/CEO. Members First received special recognition from Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig for its recent \$50,000 donation to Manchester's [Safe Station](#) program to help combat the opioid epidemic.*

**MANCHESTER, NH** (August 23, 2018) [Members First Credit Union](#) received special recognition from Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig for its recent \$50,000 donation to Manchester's [Safe Station](#) program to help combat the opioid epidemic.

For nearly 70 years, Members First has been dedicated to supporting critical community programs in Manchester and the surrounding area. Mayor Craig took a moment during a recent public meeting to recognize Members First for its, "commitment to making a positive impact in our community."

"We take pride in knowing that our donation is going to a program that will fundamentally help the community," said Members First Credit Union President/CEO Bruce Leighton. "For the Mayor to acknowledge our efforts to support those working tirelessly on the front lines combating the city's opioid epidemic is truly an honor."

The Safe Station program was started in May of 2016 to give those struggling with substance use disorder a safe place where they can walk into any fire station in Manchester and get basic medical attention along with connection to recovery and support services. It has helped nearly 4,000 people since the program began and has not only expanded to other New Hampshire cities, but has been recognized nationally as an example of using civil services to combat the drug epidemic.

This donation to Manchester's Safe Station program came from Members First's share of reimbursements the National Credit Union Association (NCUA) is providing to federally-insured credit

unions nationwide. Members First has pledged to support critical community programs with the funds it receives and is encouraging credit unions across the nation to do the same.

“In the end, it’s what we do for our members and the communities we serve that matter most,” said Leighton.

The recognition took place during the Mayor and Aldermen meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

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### **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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