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Members First Credit Union Celebrates Construction Milestone with a Beam Signing

New Headquarters Will Open Fall 2021

MANCHESTER, NH (December 22, 2020) – <u>Members First Credit Union</u> is seeing great progress on the construction of its new headquarters at the corner of Elm and Salmon Streets with the installation of the last steel beam on the building. Construction firm <u>Sullivan Construction</u>, builder of the credit union's headquarters, hosted a Beam Signing event to mark the occasion.

A beam signing is a long-standing construction tradition that recognizes the raising of the last steel beam in the construction process. Before it is installed, the client company has the opportunity to sign it. "Members of the company get a chance to be a part of history by leaving their signature on a piece of the structure that will last a lifetime," said Tom Sullivan of Sullivan Construction. At the Members First beam signing, everyone who attended was required to wear masks, socially distance at six-feet apart and use new, individual markers to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"When Sullivan Construction proposed the beam signing, I thought it was a great idea," said Bruce Leighton, Members First president and CEO. "In any other year, we would have kicked-off the project with a groundbreaking ceremony, so we were glad to be able to mark a significant moment in the construction of our new headquarters in this way. We look forward to welcoming our members and employees next fall."

The 18,000 square foot, three-story building will offer full-service banking with a two-lane driveup, plenty of onsite parking, and convenient access from the Amoskeag Bridge. In addition to a full-service branch, the new facility will house the credit union's executive management and back-office support teams.



Members First Board of Directors signed the last steel beam to be erected at the Elm/Salmon Street site, marking a significant milestone in the credit union's headquarters construction. Pictured (L-R): Adam Hollis, Colleen Murray, Gary Simmons, Matthew Normand, Ashlee Medina, Richard Plante, Paul Beaudoin, and David Mara.

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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