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### **Members First Credit Union Supports Human Services and Advocacy**

*\$19,490 Donation Benefits Waypoint*

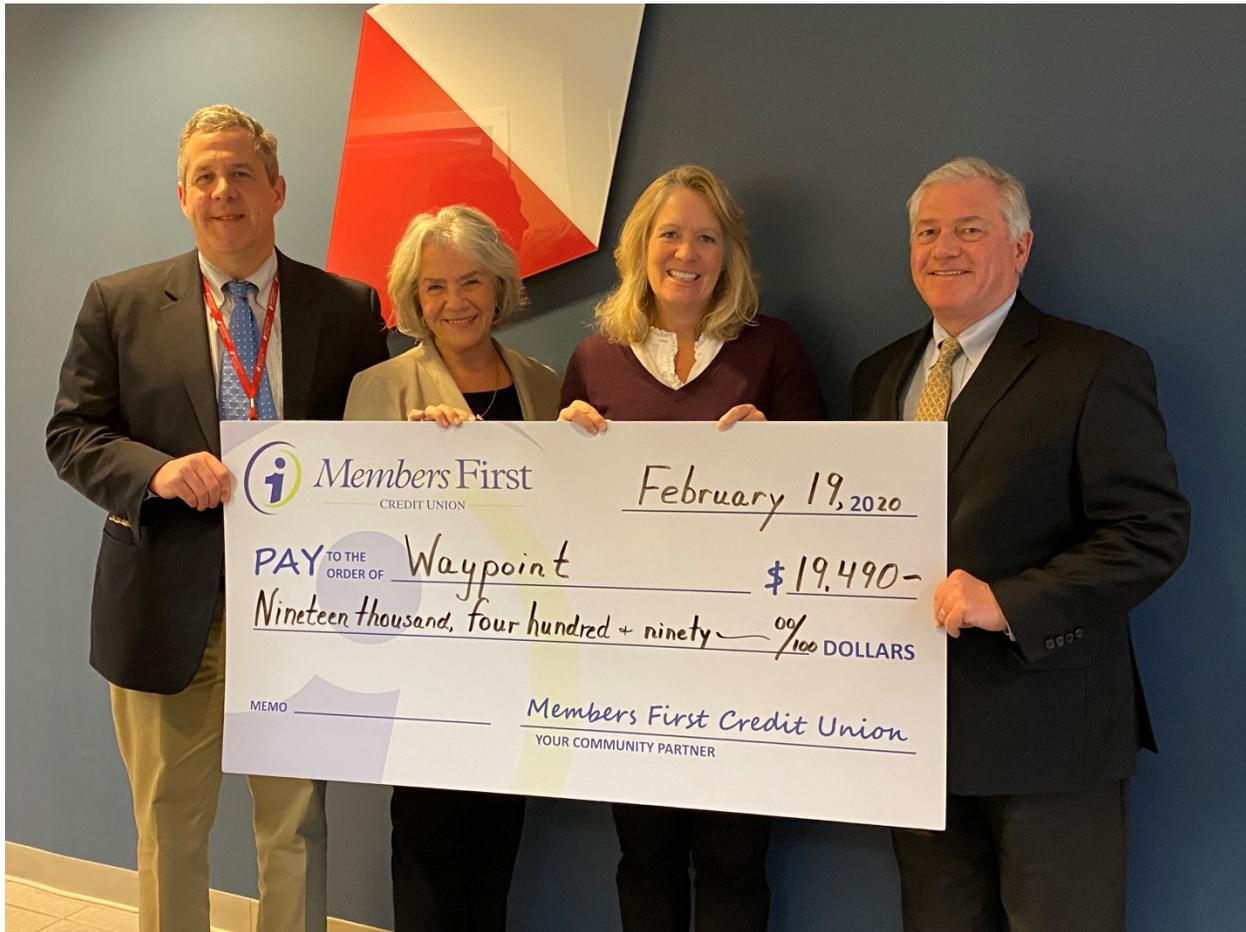
**MANCHESTER, NH (March 24, 2020)** [Members First Credit Union](#) recently donated \$19,490 to Waypoint, formerly known as Child and Family Services of NH. Waypoint empowers people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy. Members First's donation comes from 20% of its 2018 net income specifically set aside for those in need. Recognizing the issues that confront its community, Members First is committed to using these funds to benefit critical community programs.

"We realize the impact the credit union's charitable giving has had on the communities around us and want to do everything we can to support the organizations that work tirelessly to help those in need," said Bruce Leighton, president and CEO, Members First Credit Union. "We're appreciative of everything Waypoint is doing to serve people of all ages and abilities across the state and this is our way of saying thanks."

Waypoint works collaboratively with New Hampshire communities creating a social safety net for those who live here. They actively find solutions to problems through dual roles as practitioners and advocates offering a truly holistic approach to their practice. They have 14 offices across the state and over 28 programs serving an average of 9,000 people per year. Waypoint offers early childhood and family support, intervention and treatment, advocacy support, and assistance to seniors and adults with disabilities, as well as homeless youth.

"Like Waypoint, Members First Credit Union was founded in Manchester, and combined, our organizations have over 240 years of serving New Hampshire communities," says Borja Alvarez de Toledo, president and CEO of Waypoint. "Their support is a testament to their institutional values and comes at a crucial time for us as we serve the Granite State's most vulnerable residents, including chronically ill children, homeless youth, babies at risk, and impoverished seniors. We are beyond grateful to Members First for this tremendous gift."

For more information about Waypoint, visit their website at [WaypointNH.org](http://WaypointNH.org).



**Photo Caption:** Bruce Leighton, Members First president and CEO presents Waypoint with a \$19,490 donation. (L-R): Paul Staller, Waypoint development director; Jane Gile, Waypoint board of directors and Members First board of directors; Colleen Ives, Waypoint chief operating officer; Bruce Leighton Members First president and CEO.

### **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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