

CU1 Secures \$700,000 in Grant Funding to Support Alaska Families and Children

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Anchorage, Alaska — Credit Union 1 (CU1) has secured \$700,000 in funding for two Alaska nonprofits — Alaska Children’s Trust and the KINDNESS Project — through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines’ (FHLB Des Moines) Member Impact Fund.

The Member Impact Fund is a matching grant program that enables financial institution members like Credit Union 1 to partner with local nonprofits and significantly amplify community investment. Through the program, CU1 contributed \$200,000, which was matched 2.5-to-1 by FHLB Des Moines, bringing the total investment to \$700,000 and turning local dollars into transformational support for Alaska communities.

The funding is being distributed through two \$350,000 grants to Alaska Children’s Trust and the KINDNESS Project. The investment will support programs that strengthen families, improve child well-being and expand access to essential resources for communities across Alaska.

The Alaska Children’s Trust (ACT), a statewide nonprofit focused on preventing child abuse and neglect, will use the funding to advance prevention-first solutions that stop harm before it occurs. This includes advocating for policies that address root causes, expanding afterschool and learning opportunities for youth, supporting efforts to transform the child welfare system toward healing and community-driven care, and equipping families with the tools and support they need.

“This investment allows us to deepen our work alongside communities across Alaska by expanding prevention efforts, strengthening families, and creating safer, more supportive environments for children to grow and thrive,” said Trevor Storrs, President/CEO at Alaska Children’s Trust. “We’re grateful for this partnership and the opportunity to accelerate meaningful, long-term change.”

The KINDNESS Project, based in Kodiak, will use its award to grow compassionate, evidence-based support for families navigating infant feeding, no matter where that journey leads. Free services include unconditional 24-hour support via home visits, call, text or video, access to feeding aids, breast pumps, digital infant scales, playgroups and infant nutrition classes.

“With this support, we’ll be able to spread the KINDNESS model beyond Kodiak to reach even more families during some of their most vulnerable and important moments. We want to ensure all Alaskan families have access to the guidance, education, and resources they need to nourish their babies and feel confident in their journey,” said Heather Preece, Founder of the KINDNESS Project. “No parent should feel alone in raising a new human life.”

“Bringing this level of investment into Alaska is a powerful example of what’s possible when we work together to support families,” said Mark Burgess, President/CEO at Credit Union 1. “Both of these organizations are doing

deeply meaningful work by showing up for parents, children and communities in moments that matter most. We're proud to help expand their reach."

By pairing CU1's local investment with national funding, the Member Impact Fund multiplies the impact of community partnerships, giving trusted Alaska organizations the resources they need to serve more families and respond to critical needs across the state.

"At Credit Union 1, we believe strong communities start with strong families," Burgess added. "This investment reflects our commitment to supporting organizations that are building a healthier, more resilient Alaska."

For more information about Credit Union 1's community impact efforts, visit cu1.org.

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About Credit Union 1

Credit Union 1 is an Alaskan financial cooperative with a mission to help members achieve their financial goals by focusing on excellent service and value. Founded in 1952, Credit Union 1 currently has 15 branches and growing, nearly 100,000 members and \$1.5 billion in assets. Anyone who lives or works in Alaska is eligible to join Credit Union 1.

About Alaska Children's Trust

Alaska Children's Trust is the statewide lead organization focused on preventing child abuse and neglect. The organization works to ensure Alaska's children and youth grow up safe and healthy by strengthening families, supporting community-based solutions, and advancing policies that promote child well-being. Through advocacy, research, grantmaking and partnerships across the state, Alaska Children's Trust helps build the knowledge, resources and resilience needed for Alaska's children and families to thrive.

About Kodiak KINDNESS Project

Kodiak KINDNESS is a Kodiak-based nonprofit dedicated to helping families nourish their babies' bodies and souls through compassionate, evidence-based support for infant feeding and early development. The organization provides free services to families during a baby's first year of life, including personalized guidance, education and practical support tailored to each family's needs. Since launching in 2006, Kodiak KINDNESS has supported thousands of families while working to strengthen parental confidence, healthy beginnings and community connection for the next generation of Alaskan children.

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