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Option 1 Credit Union Supports Local Food Pantries

Grand Rapids, Michigan - When most people think about hunger, they think about TV spots showing a starving child in a third-world country. The truth is, hunger is a problem everywhere in the United States, but it's not always easy to see. We are fortunate to have organizations in our communities that help people who are struggling to feed their families.

On behalf of the members of Option 1 Credit Union, a check was presented to the Greater Lansing Food Bank to help support their work. The Greater Lansing Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food to individuals, seniors, veterans and families in need. Food is distributed through an extensive network of agencies including food pantries and community kitchens throughout mid-Michigan.

Mr. Joe Wald, Executive Director of the Greater Lansing Food Bank and Kim Shapiro, External Relations Manager GLFB, visited Option 1 Credit Union on Monday, December 15, 2014, to receive the donation.

According to Mr. Wald, Executive Director, Greater Lansing Food Bank, *"The demand for food in our community has again increased this year. With winter on its way, we expect to see an even great need as families are forced to choose between heat and food. We are delighted to partner with such a dynamic, thoughtful and well established organization and are grateful to the members of Option 1 Credit Union for their continued support of the Greater Lansing Food Bank."*

"Option 1 Credit Union members have always supported our communities ever since our beginning in 1936. We believe in the credit union motto of people helping people and are grateful to have such caring and gracious members. Option 1 Credit Union is proud to contribute to the Greater Lansing Food Bank efforts during this holiday season," said President Steven Bush.

Option 1 Credit Union, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was organized in 1936 and provides financial services to Michigan consumers with offices in the Grand



Pictured l to r: Steve Bush (President Option 1 CU); Kim Shapiro (External Relations GLFB); Deborah Ginsburg (Board Member Option 1 CU); Joe Wald (Executive Director GLFB); Karen Wietzke and Kim Dunn (both of Option 1 CU)

Rapids, Lansing, and East Lansing regions. Option 1 serves 30,000 members with lifestyle financial products ranging from savings, lending, mortgages, to investment planning and 24 hour access with a 24 Hour Call Center, online options, and proficient Mobile banking app for all types of remote devices. Option 1 Credit Union is categorized by the National Credit Union Association as well capitalized.

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