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WESTCONSIN RAISES MONEY FOR CMN

SPRING VALLEY WI—Last month, Spring Valley's *WESTconsin* Credit Union put together a donation raffle to raise money for Children's Miracle Network (CMN). The prize, a combination of gifts from local companies that raised \$440, was awarded to Amanda Frank.

Area businesses donated items that were packaged together and one winner was chosen. Spring Valley asked a third party, Tony Huppert from Team Oil Travel Center, to draw the winner's name. The donation raffle was open to members, non-members and employees of *WESTconsin*. Frank works for *WESTconsin*'s Baldwin Office, and also works downtown Spring Valley at Cindy's Cutting Edge. The credit union congratulates Amanda and hopes she enjoys her prizes.

WESTconsin's Spring Valley Office would like to thank the following businesses: Spring Valley Golf Course, Crystal Cave, Spring Valley Stagehands, Eau Galle Recreation Area, Team Oil, Cady Cheese Factory, Sneakers Pub and Eatery, MBC Sports, Red Sky and Spring Valley Bakery for donating prizes and gift certificates with a value of over \$200.

As part of the nationwide effort Credit Unions for Kids, *WESTconsin* raises an average of \$20,000 annually for CMN. Last year's total was more than \$32,000, including \$10,000 in matched funds from CO-OP Financial Services, a credit union provider for ATM and debit card services, through its Miracle Match program. Area children benefitting from *WESTconsin*'s efforts are patients at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, MN, where more than 900 western Wisconsin children receive treatment annually.

The credit union has raised a total of nearly \$130,000 for Gillette, through a variety of means: bake sales, card sales, employee silent auctions and luncheons and cookbook sales. The February Chain of Hearts Campaign raises approximately \$10,000 each year.

WESTconsin employees also make an extra effort to involve themselves in the spirit of the CMN organization. Credit union staff has toured the facility, to see firsthand how their efforts

positively affect Gillette patients and their families. Employees have also donated more than 140 DVDs to patients of Gillette, for viewing while they receive treatment at the hospital and then to take home.

WESTconsin Credit Union has been serving members since 1939, and membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the Wisconsin counties of Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Trempealeau or Washburn, or the Minnesota counties of Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue or Washington, with a \$5 minimum deposit in a Membership Savings Account. Credit unions are financial institutions owned by their accountholders, and member funds are federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) up to at least \$250,000.

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