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## **Two credit unions unite to support food program's soaring need**

*LAFCU, CASE Credit Union secure matching grant to provide 8K meals  
in Greater Lansing through YMCA anti-hunger program*

LANSING, Mich. — Two Lansing-based credit unions have joined forces to help meet the soaring need of feeding the hungry throughout Greater Lansing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

LAFCU and CASE Credit Union pooled their donations of \$2,500 each to the YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing and obtained a matching grant from Michigan Credit Union Foundation. The \$10,000 gift will provide 8,000 meals to adults through the YMCA's anti-hunger Healthy Living Mobile Kitchen Program, which saw a near seven-fold increase in need following Michigan's stay-at-home order to curb the spread of COVID-19.



“This funding is a godsend; it’s phenomenal,” said Jeff Scheibel, YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing president & CEO. “Although our facilities closed mid-March due to the pandemic, our charitable work escalated. LAFCU, CASE Credit Union and MCFU have helped bring a ray of hope to thousands of people by extending our adult program for nearly a month.”

The YMCA program operates a bus retrofitted with a kitchen to deliver free, healthy meals to families in need. Closure of school food programs combined with widespread unemployment increased Y deliveries from about 4,000 after-school super snacks per month to nearly seven times that number of meals per month. In May, the five-person staff delivered 27,232 meals, of which 10,000 were for adults.

Beth Troost, Michigan Credit Union Foundation executive director, said, “It is inspiring to see two credit unions working together to help meet such a critical community need. It demonstrates how credit unions live a people-first philosophy. This initiative perfectly fits the impact goals of the MCFU Community Crisis Support Grants.”

MCUF is a nonprofit foundation that helps credit unions improve Michigan communities through support of financial education, community reinvestment and professional development.



Since the beginning of the COVID-19 feeding relief to mid-June, the YMCA had provided 86,965 meals to community members, more than eight times the 10,719 meals delivered for the entire 2019 summer.

Food for youth under 18 years old is federally funded. Corporate and private donations support the program's staffing, operate the bus, and pay for adult meals.

To distribute the meals, the Y Mobile Kitchen bus visits seven locations in Greater Lansing for 20 minutes each, Monday-Friday. On Fridays, it strives to provide food to last through the weekend.

For information about the Y program and how to donate to the YMCA COVID-19 Response Fund, visit [www.lansingymca.org/hlmk](http://www.lansingymca.org/hlmk) or contact Casey Thompson, 517.827.9645.

### **About CASE Credit Union**

Established in 1936 by Lansing area educators, CASE Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving over 45,000 members and managing approximately \$300 million in assets. CASE Credit Union is focused on service and committed to exceeding the financial expectations of today's mobile society through convenient products and services.

### **About LAFCU**

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities located in Michigan. The credit union serves more than 67,000 members and holds over \$800 million in assets. LAFCU offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services as well as an expanding complement of financial technology solutions. Members enjoy benefits such as low fees, low interest rates on loans, high yields on savings, discounts, knowledgeable employees and nationwide access to fee-free ATMs. A recipient of the national Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award for credit unions, LAFCU enriches the communities it serves by supporting many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, call 800.748.0228 or visit [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).

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