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Northwest Federal's Silent Auction Nets \$2,600 for Children's Miracle Network

Herndon, VA - Northwest Federal Credit Union recently hosted a silent auction at its headquarters with a two-fold mission: to free up space for new tenants and to raise money for Children's Miracle Network – 170 premier Children's hospitals across North America which treat 17 million children annually without regard for ability to pay.

Interested parties were invited to a three-day silent auction which closed February 10. More than 200 items were sold to credit union employees and building tenants, including excess office furniture, lobby artwork and exercise equipment from Northwest Federal's onsite gym.

The event generated \$2,600 in sales with 100% of the funds donated to Children's Miracle Network. The contribution will be directed in full to Washington, D.C.'s own Children's National Medical Center hospital.

Since its January fundraising launch, NWFCU has raised more than \$5,800 for its local Children's hospital, mostly through the generosity of its members' donations and through the sale of CMN candy safes – acrylic combination safes filled with Tootsie Roll candies aimed at teaching children about the value of savings.

Northwest Federal Credit Union, a strong supporter of the Children's Miracle Network, is also a proud sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run, an annual professional road race held each April in the nation's capital which benefits Children's Miracle Network.

As President and CEO of Northwest Federal Credit Union and Chairman of Credit Union Miracle Day, Inc., the sponsor organization behind the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run, Juri Valdov demonstrates his commitment to the care of children through numerous fundraising initiatives each year. Northwest is sponsoring eight runners in the April 2 event and has enlisted the help of nearly 60 employees as volunteers on race day, representing fully 20% of Northwest Federal's staff.

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