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Firelands FCU Highlights \$216,645 in Community Contributions for 2024

BELLEVUE, OH – Firelands Federal Credit Union (Firelands FCU), rooted in community support since 1957, announces another successful year of impactful contributions.

In 2024, Firelands FCU donated \$216,645 to 147 local organizations, focusing on financial wellness, education, and resource accessibility. Employees played a significant role, contributing \$20,275 and demonstrating their dedication to the communities where they live and work. These contributions directly supported the following organizations:

- The Norwalk Area United Fund
- The Bellevue United Selective Fund
- The United Way of Erie County
- The United Way of North Central Ohio

In addition to extending financial support, Firelands FCU upheld a strong commitment to volunteerism. In 2024, credit union employees self-reported 933 volunteer hours as part of Firelands FCU's volunteer program. Simultaneously, Firelands FCU continued its Financial Literacy program, Finances 101, by organizing four events that reached eight schools and impacted approximately 650 students.

"The support we are able to provide is a testament to the credit union philosophy of PeopleHelpingPeople," said Brett Montague, Firelands FCU President/CEO. "We are grateful to our members for their trust in banking with us, which enables us to make a positive social impact on the communities we serve."

About Firelands FCU: Firelands Federal Credit Union had its humble beginnings in 1955, when seven Nickel Plate Road employees joined together to form a financial savings club. When officially chartered in 1957, the credit union was open only to railroad employees, but in 1970, opened its membership to include anyone who lives or works in Erie, Huron and Crawford counties. Today, Firelands FCU serves over 36,176 members. As a member-owned credit union, the earnings on Firelands FCU's business activities are returned to the member-owner in the form of higher earnings on savings, lower rates on loans, and a wide range of related financial services at the lowest possible cost. Learn more by visiting: www.firelandsfcu.org.

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