

## Hope for the Holidays Food Drive 2011 has commenced.

**AROOSTOOK** – NorState Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce that the annual Hope for the Holidays Food Drive is entering its 8th year, and it continues through December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Angele Bourgoïn, Ending Hunger coordinator for NorState invites everyone to contribute in whatever means they can toward the food drive with donations of non-perishable food items, that can be dropped off at over 30 local merchants, organizations or at any NorState FCU locations in Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Madawaska, Ashland, Presque Isle or Van Buren.

Denise Cote, a long time advocate for the food drive, and marketing director of NorState FCU adds: “We have partnered with Channel X Radio this year to bring you the annual food drive. This food drive is one of the biggest for the St. John Valley, and has been extended to incorporate our central Aroostook offices and surrounding communities.

We are thankful that our co-sponsor will be broadcasting daily and weekly updates through the airwaves and assisting us in raising awareness about this ever increasing need in the Valley.

This is a big undertaking and many volunteer hours and generous donors help in stocking the shelves of our food pantries, that most often times, see a higher demand to feed our friends and neighbors because of heating or medical expenses.”

“Since 1999, NorState FCU has distributed over \$125,000 and collected over 40,000 pounds of non-perishable food items for our local pantries.

Working together to make sure that no one goes without food in Northern Maine is instrumental in the fight to End Hunger locally.” Added David Rossignol, CEO.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the following locations during their normal business hours.

**MADAWASKA:** Paradis Shop N’ Save, Bob’s Service Center, NorState FCU, Twin Rivers Bond Security, Bob’s Neighborhood Store, Marden’s. **ST. DAVID:** Morin’s Variety. **GRAND ISLE:** St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel Church. **VAN BUREN:** Saucier’s Shurfine, Tulsa, NorState FCU, Keegan Variety. **SINCLAIR:** Martin’s General Store.

**ST. AGATHA:** Babin’s Grocery, St. Agatha FCU. **FRENCHVILLE:** Jim’s Convenience, Jes’ Foodland, Paul’s Gas.

**EAGLE LAKE:** 4-Way Quik Stop, Bald Eagle, NorState FCU. **FORT KENT:** Paradis Shop N’ Save, John’s Shurfine,

NorState FCU. **ST. FRANCIS:** Joe’s Country Store.

**ASHLAND:** NorState FCU, Ashland One-Stop, Babe’s Variety, Ashland Foodmart. **Caribou:** Caribou Wellness &

Recreation Center, Save-A-Lot. **PRESQUE ISLE:** Starcity IGA, NorState FCU, Governor’s Restaurant. **MARS HILL:**

Mars Hill IGA. **FT. FAIRFIELD:** Hillside IGA.

Monetary contributions can be sent to NorState FCU, 78 Fox Street, Madawaska, ME 04756. Please make your check payable to: Hope for the Holidays Food Drive.

For more information about how you can assist or contribute toward the Hope for the Holidays food drive, contact Angele Bourgoïn or Denise Cote at 1-800-804-7555 or [www.norstatefcu.org](http://www.norstatefcu.org)

