

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TO BENEFIT AS 9th ANNUAL MAINE CREDIT UNIONS' ENDING HUNGER WALKING TOUR VISITS VALLEY AS PART OF STATEWIDE WALK TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HUNGER

MADAWASKA – The Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger, which has raised and distributed more than \$3.5 million to help end hunger in Maine since 1990, is again partnering with Cross Roads Ministries, an Old Town-based hunger agency that serves thousands of Maine people, to cover the state of Maine on foot to raise awareness about the problem of hunger in Maine.

The 9th Annual Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger Walking Tour is the largest yet with the Walk visiting a record-setting 72 communities during the month-long Tour. Maine's credit unions will again make a contribution to a food pantry in each community it visits.

During the Walk, Brenda Davis, Executive Director of Cross Roads Ministries of Old Town, is traveling throughout the State from Madawaska to Kittery focusing attention on the severity that hunger exists in Maine, with 13% of Maine's population identified as food insecure.

Brenda is visiting food pantries, hunger organizations and credit unions in each town she visits.

At each credit union, Brenda is picking up a contribution from the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger as a way to support her cause.

In addition, the Campaign is contributing more than \$7,200 to food pantries throughout Maine.

A food pantry in each community that Brenda visits will receive a \$105 contribution. In Fort Kent, the Greater Fort Kent Ecumenical Food Pantry.

In Madawaska, the St-Thomas Aquinas-St. David Food Pantries. In Van Buren, the St. Peter-Chanel Parish Food Pantry and in many other Aroostook County towns and beyond, will receive a contribution as well.

She began her month-long journey on Thursday, November 4th, in Augusta. The Walk, which is expected to encompass between 650-750 miles on foot, has brought Brenda to NorState Federal Credit Union as well as other FCU's in the state. The Walk will conclude with a special ceremony in Brewer on Thursday, December 2, 2010. *Since 1990, the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger has raised over \$3.5 million to help end hunger in Maine including a record-setting \$375,000 in 2009.*



WALKING THE STATE TO END HUNGER – David Rossignol, CEO of NorState FCU and Angele Bourgoïn, Ending Hunger Coordinator for NorState FCU are pictured with Brenda Davis, center, Executive Director of Cross Roads Ministries of Old Town. Brenda is traveling throughout the State from Madawaska to Kittery focusing attention on the severity that hunger does exist in Maine, and is helping the Maine Credit Union League raise local awareness. MeCUL has donated more than \$300 to Valley Food Pantries in recognition of her efforts.

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