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Consumers Credit Union Donates \$100,000 to Northern Illinois Food Bank to Support Lake County Families

Lake Forest, IL (November, 20, 2025) – Today, [Consumers Credit Union](#) (CCU) presented a \$100,000 donation to the [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#) at its North Suburban Center in Lake Forest, helping families across Lake County facing food insecurity.

With 1 in 9 adults and 1 in 9 children in Northern Illinois unsure of where their next meal will come from, support from community partners is more important than ever. The donation will help the Food Bank provide nutritious meals and stability for families, older adults, and hardworking neighbors making tough choices between essentials like food, housing, and medicine.

"At Consumers Credit Union, our mission of people helping people guides everything we do," said Sean Rathjen, CEO of Consumers Credit Union. "We believe that supporting our communities is not just a responsibility - it's part of who we are. Northern Illinois Food Bank is a lifeline for thousands of families, and the need has never been greater. This donation reflects our commitment to ensuring no neighbor goes hungry and standing by our communities as the people in your corner."

Julie Yurko, President and CEO of Northern Illinois Food Bank, added: "This generous gift will have a direct impact on Lake County families. Every donation helps us provide more meals and hope to neighbors facing hunger. Consumers Credit Union commitment to our community is inspiring."

Following the check presentation, CCU employees volunteered to help pack food for distribution, further supporting families in need.

About Consumers Credit Union

Founded in 1930 and headquartered in Lake Forest, IL, Consumers Credit Union (CCU) has \$4.4 billion in assets and serves over 276,000 members – one of the largest credit unions in the state. CCU believes that nobody needs banks on every corner, but everyone needs people who are in their corner. To learn more about CCU's products and services, or for information on how to join, visit www.myconsumers.org.

About Northern Illinois Food Bank

For over 40 years, Northern Illinois Food Bank has been dedicated to solving hunger and empowering neighbors. Our vision at Northern Illinois Food Bank is for everyone in Northern Illinois to have the food they need to thrive. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and proud member of Feeding America, we serve our neighbors in 13 counties with dignity, equity and convenience, providing 250,000 meals a day. We bring together manufacturers, local and corporate grocers, area farmers, corporations, foundations, and individuals who donate food and funding, and each week nearly 1,000 volunteers help us evaluate, repack, and distribute food. We also proudly partner with more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and youth and senior feeding programs to provide nutritious food and resources. Our distribution centers are located in Geneva, Lake Forest, Rockford, and Joliet. Find out how you can get help, volunteer, donate or get involved visit, SolveHungerToday.org.