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**American Eagle Financial Credit Union Reveals the
“Help Choose a Charity Campaign” Online Voting Results**

EAST HARTFORD, CT – January 8, 2016 – The results are in! Hundreds of votes have been tallied, following a very successful, online social media campaign by American Eagle Financial Credit Union.

American Eagle Financial Credit Union, along with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, presented the top vote getters from five non-profit organizations with their portion of \$10,000 in charitable grants on **Wednesday, January 6th, at 11:00 am, at American Eagle’s administrative offices at 20 Western Boulevard in Glastonbury.**

The non-profit organizations were pre-selected to participate in the “Help Choose a Charity Campaign.” The organizations were chosen based on their locality and AEFCU’s three areas of charitable focus: **education and youth, basic human needs, and community development.** Winners were awarded a monetary grant based on the total number of votes received in an online poll among AEFCU members and non-members. Votes were cast from November 20, 2015, through December 13, 2015, on the American Eagle Financial Credit Union Facebook page.

The top winners who received \$3,500 each are: The Cornerstone Foundation with 532 votes and Gifts of Love & Community Farm of Simsbury with 404 votes. The runner-ups, who each received \$1,000, are Billings Forge Community Center with 162 votes, Families in Crisis, Inc. with 231 votes, and City Slicker Kids with 30 votes.

American Eagle Financial Credit Union President & CEO, Dean Marchessault, commented on the charitable donation by saying, “This is truly what American Eagle Financial Credit Union feels strongly about and that is supporting our local non-profits, which, in turn, support our entire local community. Congratulations to this year’s charitable grant recipients and thank you for all that you do.”

Representatives of the non-profit organizations being awarded as well as representatives from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving attended a special award presentation ceremony at which checks were presented by American Eagle Financial Credit Union President & CEO, Dean Marchessault.

American Eagle Financial Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative headquartered in East Hartford, Connecticut. It is the largest community credit union in Connecticut with 13 community offices, 110,000 members, and \$1.4 billion in assets. AEFUCU operates retail offices in Bloomfield, Cromwell, East Hartford, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Manchester, Newington, Plainville, Southington, South Windsor, West Hartford, and Vernon. The Credit Union offers banking services to everyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school and businesses in Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, and Tolland counties in Connecticut. The Credit Union was founded in 1935 by employees of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Member deposits are federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. government agency. americaneagle.org

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding communities. In 2015, the Foundation celebrated 90 years of grant making in the Greater Hartford region, made possible by the gifts of generous individuals, families, and organizations. It has awarded grants of more than \$600 million since its founding in 1925. For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit hfpg.org or call 860.548.1888.

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