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**FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER ACROSS THE COUNTRY
THROUGH SECOND ANNUAL 'SEASON OF GIVING'**

Employees and Members Team Up to Support Community Health, K-12 STEM Education, and Human Needs Charities

(BEAVERTON, Ore., and MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.) – December 31, 2014 – [First Tech Federal Credit Union](#) employees and members have wrapped up the organization's second annual 'Season of Giving.' More than 1,000 toys were donated, over 1,770 hours of employee volunteer hours logged, and 22 regional and national non-profit organizations received funds and in-kind donations between November 24 and December 12.

"The First Tech family is made up of more than 920 caring people who freely share their time, talent and passion to make a material difference in the lives of others," said First Tech president and CEO Greg Mitchell. "With more than 15,000 hours of community service contributed throughout 2014 and countless initiatives positively impacting thousands of sick children, hungry families, struggling students and others seeking a brighter future, I could not be more proud of our employees and members."

SEASON OF GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Community Health and Basic Human Needs Support

In California, First Tech provided Christmas baskets to over 100 families at the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford. Meanwhile, in Cupertino, the credit union provided holiday gifts for 15 families through West Valley Community Services (WVCS). Family Supportive Housing in San Jose also received classroom furniture to enrich students learning experience.

Jacqueline de Guzman, director of community resources at WVCS said following the contribution, "Thank you so very much! We truly value First Tech's ongoing support of WVCS! Our clients will be extremely happy this holiday season."

K-12 STEM Education

In the San Francisco Bay Area, First Tech gave state-of-the-art Probeware and Vernier science lab equipment to 20 classrooms through the state's Science and Health Education Partnership.

In Oregon, First Tech donated hundreds of books to Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) to help inspire the next generation of leaders. In addition, they provided tablets, laptops and other technology for local classrooms through Hillsboro School Foundation, Project Lead the Way, Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, Beaverton Schools Foundation and Education Foundation of Forest Grove. First Tech provided similar technology products in Washington state, benefitting Pacific Science Center in Seattle and Bellevue Schools Foundation.

First Tech also provided hundreds of 'In-Class Program Kits' to Junior Achievement, which include everything necessary for a classroom's entire day of financial literacy lessons.

Toy Drive

Members and employees filled toy bins – located in First Tech branches across the country – to the brim. The toys helped Toys for Tots Foundation, local hospitals and other organizations bring smiles to more than 1,000 children this holiday season.

Giving Isn't Seasonal At First Tech

The credit union's commitment to bettering the communities it serves isn't just a seasonal affair. Each year, First Tech provides their employees the opportunity to complete up to 16 hours of paid community service time.

About First Tech Federal Credit Union

First Tech Federal Credit Union is a \$7 billion institution headquartered in Mountain View, Calif. It is the nation's premier credit union serving the world's leading technology-oriented companies and their employees, including HP, Microsoft, Agilent, Intel, CISCO, Amazon, Nike, CH2M Hill, Intuit, Google and more. First Tech is recognized as the industry catalyst for delivering effortless banking experiences to its 380,000 members through its 40 branch locations, more than 5,000 CO-OP Branch locations, 30,000 CO-OP Network ATMs and 286,000 ATMs nationwide. First Tech offers a full range of banking services, including traditional banking, mortgage, financial planning and insurance services. For more information, visit firsttechfed.com.

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