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**FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CAPTURES THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT  
WITH FOURTH ANNUAL 'SEASON OF GIVING'**

*Credit Union Employees and Members Spread Cheer with a Total of \$150,000 in  
Donations to 22 local charities*

**(MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.) – December 15, 2016** – The First Tech Federal Credit Union team and members have come together for their fourth annual 'Season of Giving.' This year First Tech engaged the community to direct giving through in-branch and online voting in Oregon, Washington and California. Three local organizations were featured in each state, with UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital (Calif.), Page Ahead (Wash.) and Oregon Food Bank (Ore.) taking first place in the polls. They received \$16,000, \$25,000 and \$19,500 donations respectively.

With more than 22,000 employee volunteer hours logged in 2016, First Tech's 'Season of Giving' serves as a celebration and continuation of the credit union's philanthropic work within local communities. "These organizations are truly making a difference within our communities. Their missions align perfectly with our credit union's cause focus areas of education, research and innovation," said First Tech President and CEO Greg Mitchell.

The \$16,000 donation to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital will directly benefit the advancement of the hospital's pediatric rehabilitation services, funding the creation of an innovative virtual reality room. As the first introduction of virtual reality in UCSF Benioff's hospital setting, this gift will allow the purchase of VR headsets, motion detectors, computers and kid-friendly room features for faster healing.

"We are very much interested in learning how newer technologies and specifically Virtual Reality can help our missions in the pediatric rehabilitation department – to help kids relearn abilities and minimize the effects of their impairments. Thanks to the generous support of First Tech Federal Credit Union, we will now be able to utilize this cutting edge technology to help kids heal faster while reducing pain," said Dr. Mitul Kapadia, Medical Director, Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco.

In Washington, the \$25,000 grant to Page Ahead will directly benefit the children, allowing the purchase of over 6,300 books – enough to build a summer reading library for K-2 age kids in two Washington schools.

The Oregon Food Bank helps nearly one in five households experiencing food insecurity through fresh meal distribution and educational programs. First Tech's \$19,500 donation will directly benefit those in need, funding a total of 58,500 meals for families across Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

Visit [firsttechfed.com/community](http://firsttechfed.com/community) to learn more about the ways First Tech pays it forward during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Visit [ucsfbenioffchildrens.org](http://ucsfbenioffchildrens.org) to learn more about UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital's mission to care, heal, teach and discover throughout the Bay Area.

Visit [pageahead.org](http://pageahead.org) to learn more about Page Ahead's literacy services, as well as the children, families and communities the organization supports.

Visit [oregonfoodbank.org/](http://oregonfoodbank.org/) to learn more about Oregon Food Bank's mission to eliminate hunger, as well as the statewide communities the organization supports.

#### **About First Tech Federal Credit Union**

First Tech Federal Credit Union is a \$9.4 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 Inc., Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Microsoft, Agilent, Intel, Cisco, Amazon, Nike, CH2M, Intuit, Google and more. First Tech is recognized as the industry catalyst for delivering effortless banking experiences to its 425,000 members through its 40 branch locations, more than 5,400 CO-OP Shared Branch locations, 30,000 COOP 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](http://firsttechfed.com).

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