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“WE SHARE A COMMON THREAD” FUNDRAISER WAS GREAT SUCCESS

LOWELL – The “We Share a Common Thread” fundraiser hosted by Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union Saturday night (March 19) at the Lowell Lodge of Elks to benefit Lowell General Hospital’s Teamwalk for Cancer Care, the American Heart Association, and Credit Unions of Massachusetts’ Kids at Heart Program for Children’s Hospital Boston, was a tremendous success.

Thanks to our many generous donors and more than 300 attendees, we raised more than \$20,000 that will be used to help fund the critical patient care and life-saving research at Children’s Hospital, support the needs of local patients battling cancer at Lowell General Hospital, and assist in fighting the epidemic of heart disease that has gripped our region.

The fun-filled evening included music, dancing, refreshments, basket raffles, a silent auction, and an iPad raffle. More importantly, it gave attendees an opportunity to support three worthy causes.

Established in 1996 and coordinated through EasCorp, headquartered in Burlington, Mass., the *Credit Unions Kids at Heart* program provides funding for Children’s Hospital Boston. To date, *Credit Unions Kids at Heart* has raised more than \$3.2 million for the hospital.

As part of the program, more than 40 credit unions throughout the Northeast have collaborated to sponsor a team of credit-union runners in the challenging Boston Marathon. We are proud that two of our Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union employees will again be participating.

Nicole Poley, a four-time Boston Marathon participant and Financial Education Manager at our Lowell High School branch, will be running for patient-partner Everett Chase, a six-year-old student at The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

Paul McDonald, Vice President of Lending at Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union, is running his third Boston Marathon in support of patient-partner 15-year-old Kayla Biagiotti.

Since its inception, TeamWalk for Cancer Care has raised more than \$4.2 million to assist more than 15,000 patients. The money raised remains in the region to help cancer patients pay for various much-needed items, such as medication, wigs, prosthetics and transportation.

The American Heart Association's mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Money raised goes to research and education.

“Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union considers social responsibility to be an integral part of our overall mission,” Mark S. Cochran, President and Chief Executive Officer of Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union, said. “Our sense of duty and concern for the community, including those who reside therein, sparked our efforts and commitment to get involved with many area charities, including the three that benefited from Saturday night’s fundraiser.”

At Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union, we truly believe and are proud to say ... “we share a common thread.”

About Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union:

Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union was established in 1912 and is a full-service, member-owned community-based financial cooperative with more than 55,000 members and more than \$900 million in assets. It operated six full-service branches in Lowell, Dracut (2), Tyngsboro, Chelmsford and Methuen, Massachusetts; four high-school branches at Lowell High, Dracut High, Methuen High and Nashoba Valley Technical High schools; and a loan center in Lowell.