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SEFCU donates \$205,000 to city/rescue missions and food pantries throughout its service areas

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Albany, NY - (December 28, 2011) - SEFCU, one of the largest credit unions in upstate New York, announced today that it will again answer the call of many struggling city/rescue missions throughout the Capital Region, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Syracuse by providing \$205,000 to organizations in SEFCU's service areas. Representatives of the credit union will hand deliver the checks today. In December 2010, SEFCU had a similar program for area city/rescue missions.

As a result of a down economy, more and more people are forced to turn to community organizations for food, clothing, and shelter, putting an additional strain on the budgets of these non-profit groups. In an effort to alleviate some of the financial burden SEFCU is providing immediate donations to the following organizations:

Capital Region

- City Mission of Schenectady - \$15,000
- Capital City Rescue Mission - \$10,000
- Food Pantries for the Capital District - \$10,000
- Schenectady Inner City Mission - \$10,000
- Bethesda House - \$5,000
- Center City Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen – \$5,000
- Community Gardens - \$5,000
- Concerns – U Food Pantry - \$5,000
- North Central Troy Food Pantry - \$5,000
- Roarke Center - \$5,000
- Schoharie Catholic Charities - \$5,000
- Schoharie County Community Action Program - \$5,000
- Sister Maureen Joyce Center - \$5,000
- St. Paul's Center - \$5,000

- Trinity Alliance - \$5,000
- YWCA Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen - \$5,000 (Troy)
- Amsterdam Food Pantry – 2,500
- Columbia-Greene Catholic Charities - \$2,500
- Fulton-Montgomery Catholic Charities - \$2,500
- Herkimer Catholic Charities - \$2,500

Binghamton

- Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) - \$20,000

Buffalo

- Buffalo City Mission - \$20,000
- St. Luke's Mission of Mercy - \$10,000
- Compass House - \$5,000

Syracuse

- Rescue Mission Soup Kitchen - \$25,000
- Oxford Street Inn - \$10,000

"The holidays are a time to remember how fortunate we are. At SEFCU, we remind ourselves, especially at this time of year, that there are men, women, and children in our communities who are in desperate need. The above organizations play an important role in helping our neighbors get back on their feet," said Michael J. Castellana, SEFCU president and CEO. "With people suffering, and the organizations that support them facing their own financial difficulties, SEFCU wanted to step up once again this year to help ease some of the burden."

Established in 1934, today SEFCU is among the 50 largest credit unions in the U.S. with over 1,000 ways to join, more than \$2.2 billion in assets, over 220,000 members, and 44 branches in the Capital Region, Binghamton, Syracuse, and Buffalo. In addition to standard deposit and loan products, SEFCU offers 24-hour banking by phone and Internet, electronic bill payment and eStatements, investment and insurance services, and a full-range of business banking services. Find us on Facebook® and follow us on Twitter®.

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