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### **GMFCU Donates More Than \$5,500 to Local St. Louis Charities**

**ST. LOUIS**— GMFCU's community service project, The Butterfly Project, raised \$5,502 for three local, St. Louis charities during the 2017 holiday season. The three charities selected to receive the funds were Angels' Arms, The Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas, and the Women's Safe House. The Butterfly Project consists of a group of volunteer employees who select the charities and plan different fundraising initiatives throughout the year for both employees and members of the credit union.

Angels' Arms is a foster care group based in South County that helps keep sibling groups together through the foster care system and offers support and guidance for the foster family. The Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas was founded in 1955 as a grass-roots effort to offer advocacy and educational services to people with epilepsy, their families, and the communities in which they live. The Women's Safe House was founded in 1977 as St. Louis's first domestic violence shelter; the organization provides safe shelter and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children.

Money was raised through the sale of ornaments, T-shirts, 50/50 Raffles, and an employee raffle. Since its formation in 2016, The Butterfly Project has raised \$10,602 for six local charities.

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**Angels' Arms** Gateway Metro employees Tiffany D., Lisa R. and Amy W. present Maria C. with Angels' Arms a check for \$1,834. Angels' Arms is a foster care group based in South County that helps keep sibling groups together through the foster care system and offers support and guidance for the foster family.



**Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas** Gateway Metro employees Lisa R., Amy W. and Tiffany D. present Darla T. with Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas a check for \$1,834. The Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas was founded in 1955 as a grass-roots effort to offer advocacy and educational services to people with epilepsy, their families, and the communities in which they live.



**The Women's Safe House** Gateway Metro employees Colton B., Lisa R. and Tiffany D. present Burgandy B. and Jessica L. with The Women's Safe House a check for \$1,834. The Women's Safe House was founded in 1977 as St. Louis's first domestic violence shelter; the organization provides safe shelter and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children.