

Spring 2009

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Metro Credit Union gives \$25,000 to Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home

Metro Credit Union recently donated \$5,000 to Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, the first installment of a five-year commitment totaling \$25,000. This multi-year commitment will support the expansion of the skilled care facilities located on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea.



Artist's rendering of the expanded Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home facilities on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea.

Massachusetts veterans benefit from Metro's housing initiatives

Metro recently donated \$10,000 to Homes for Our Troops, a non-profit organization based in Taunton, Massachusetts. Homes for Our Troops provides accessible housing for disabled veterans nationwide who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additionally, Metro is offering affordable mortgage loans to Massachusetts veterans. Through an innovative program developed by MassHousing, the Home for the Brave program offers 100% financing and discounted rates to qualified veterans.

"Metro is happy to support these initiatives to help our veterans achieve the dream of home ownership," said Robert M. Cashman, president and CEO of Metro Credit Union.



Pictured above from left to right are Saritin Martinez of Metro, Evelyn French of the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), Elizabeth Bouras of the DTA, Charlene Bauer of Metro, Yessenia Alfaro of Chelsea Collaborative, and Elaine Santiago of Metro.

Real Solutions Resource Fair hosted by Metro Credit Union

Metro Credit Union recently hosted a Real Solutions Resource fair at the Broadway branch in Chelsea, MA. The event brought together many non-profit organizations that provided information on topics such as public assistance, Mass Health, fuel assistance, housing, ITINs, credit reporting, basic banking, and more. Representatives from CAPIC, Chelsea Neighborhood Developers, The Chelsea Collaborative, Department of Transitional Assistance, WIC and Metro were on hand for the fair.



Student essay contest promotes financial literacy

In a continued effort to promote literacy in youth, Metro Credit Union recently sponsored a Student Essay contest for seventh and eighth grade students through a program offered by the Massachusetts Credit Union League's Financial Literacy Committee. From the entries received, Metro Credit Union selected three essays to submit to the statewide competition. These students received a \$100 deposit into a Metro SMART Account.



Pictured above is Elaine Santiago, Branch Manager, with one of the three students whose essay was selected to continue on to the statewide competition.

Metro Credit Union Supports Operation HOPE

Metro Credit Union recently participated in the Operation HOPE "Banking on Our Future" program, a series of financial literacy workshops for Boston students. Branch Manager Elaine Santiago conducted the workshop for fifth grade students at the Sarah Greenwood School located in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Topics discussed included the Basics of Banking, Budgeting, Savings and Checking Accounts and the Power of Credit.

Metro Credit Union welcomes Boston Globe employees

Metro is pleased to announce the merger between Metro and the Boston Globe Employees Credit Union. Members of the former Boston Globe Employees Credit Union are now able to take advantage of the enhanced products and services that Metro offers. With over \$760 million in assets, Metro is the fifth largest credit union in Massachusetts.

Metro offers interest-bearing business checking accounts

Metro now offers business checking with interest. Depending upon the balances maintained in the account, deposits may earn up to **3.00%** annual percentage yield. For small businesses and non-profit organizations, Metro also offers a Free Business Checking account that earns interest and has no monthly service fee and no minimum balance requirement. For more information, please call 877-MY-METRO or visit www.metrocu.org.

Children's Book Drive underway at Metro branch locations

Metro will be participating in the Massachusetts Credit Union League's ninth annual Children's Book Drive. Metro branches will be collection points for new and used children's books at all of their branch locations through April 30, 2009. Books will be donated to children in need throughout the area.

Metro Investment Services offers Retirement Seminar

Metro Investment Services is a full-service financial advisory program focused on retirement, insurance, and investment planning.

Metro Investment Services will be hosting an educational seminar on how to build a retirement income plan on Tuesday, April 28th from 6-8 pm at the



Wyndham Chelsea Hotel at 201 Everett Ave, Chelsea, MA. The seminar is a no-cost, no-obligation event hosted by Dan Campanelli, a Certified Financial Planner.

For more information, please contact Stanton Green at 617-488-5448 or sgreen@metrocu.org.

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