

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION
FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, Cancer claims the lives of more children than all other childhood diseases combined. Worldwide, a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes; and

WHEREAS, **Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union (CCFCU)** began partnering with Children's Hospital of Michigan (CMH) for Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in 2016. Each September, the **CCFCU Team** connects with the team at CHM to evaluate their needs and to see how they can help. In the past three years, **CCFCU** has also included Toledo's ProMedica Children's Hospital since they have two branches in northern Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Teddy bear drives started in 2016 and they collected and donated approximately 6,000 bears and \$10,000 to pediatric cancer research over the next three years. In 2019, they started "**Cruisin' for a Cause**," because the hospital was part of a pilot program allowing kids to drive themselves into surgery or use ride-on cars to transfer rooms. **CCFCU** donated a total of 21 remote control ride-on cars (one has the Troy Fire Department patches and one has the Troy Police Department patches), split between CHM, the CHM Rehab Center and the Toledo Children's Hospital, plus \$6000; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the **CCFCU Team** decided to "**Build Hope**" and collect 500 brand new Lego sets for the hospitals. Legos are easy to disinfect and children use them to build, imagine, dream, and play. The team along with their community members donated 800 brand new Lego sets to the hospitals; and

WHEREAS, "**Creating Courage**" was the 2021 program. The **CCFCU Team** collected and donated 1,000 creative items like crayons, craft kits, creative toys, journals, coloring books and more to the hospitals. September 2022, the goal of "**Squish Out Cancer**" is to collect and donate 1,000 Squishmallows, 500 to each hospital; and

WHEREAS, The community and **CCFCU** members have come together since 2016 and are always so generous during the drives for the hospitals. **CCFCU** matches each donation, so one donation always becomes two. The Team members have fun each year coming up with creative ways to fill the toy closets at the hospitals and bring awareness to pediatric cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby applaud and sincerely thank the **Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union Team** for partnering with Children's Hospital of Michigan (CMH) for Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month since 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to recognize, celebrate, and also support the generosity and dedication of **the Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union Team Members**, true heroes in our Troy community and beyond.

Presented this 19th Day of September 2022