



Your life. Our commitment.

TO: All Media
FROM: Sean M. Rathjen, President, Consumers Credit Union
RE: Consumers Credit Union Supports Staben House
Date: For release on August 14, 2007

Consumers Credit Union Supports Staben House

Waukegan-based facility provides hope, vital services for women and children

Waukegan, IL, August 14, 2007: Waukegan Township's Staben House provides transitional housing and community enrichment services to homeless women with children. The local facility works with qualifying families to develop goals, assist with locating, establishing and sustaining permanent housing and to increase skills and income so those it helps can achieve greater self-determination.

Consumers Credit Union (\$450 M, Waukegan, IL), recently donated \$3,000.00 in support of the lofty goals of Staben House. "Consumers Credit Union believes we have a responsibility to work with local leaders in support of worthy causes such as Staben House," said Sean M. Rathjen, President of the Member-owned credit union. "Staben House provides vital services to women and children in our community and we are proud to support their good works."

"Staben House offers a path for local families to move from hopelessness to self-sufficiency," according to Patricia Jones, Waukegan Township Supervisor. "Hope is all that many of those seeking support from Staben House have left. We are grateful for companies like Consumers Credit Union: responsible businesses that recognize the value of Staben House services and are willing to provide support to help us continue our programs."

Staben House was founded in 1997 under the leadership of Patricia Jones, Waukegan Township and its Board of Trustees. Their vision was to create a model of how innovative approaches can make a difference in meeting the needs of homeless women and children. Staben House is funded through contributions from local businesses such as Consumers Credit Union, along with fundraisers, the financial support of Waukegan Township and a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about Staben House, please contact Lety Castellanos, Staben House Program Director, at 847.244.9944. For more information about Consumers Credit Union's support of Staben House, contact Sean M. Rathjen, Consumers Credit Union President, at 847.782.4670. CCU is Member-owned, with offices in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee, and North Waukegan and online at www.myconsumers.org.