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***GROUP HEALTH CREDIT UNION TO SELL HOLIDAY CARDS CREATED BY KIDS TO  
BENEFIT CHARITIES.***

(Seattle, WA) – Group Health Credit Union (GHCU) held a holiday card coloring contest for kids ages 5-11 and 12-17. Kids drew their favorite family fun activity for the chance to have their artwork featured on the cover of holiday cards that benefit charities.

The cards will go on sale at GHCU branches starting November 19. Proceeds from the card sales will be donated to the charities selected by first place contest winners **Molly Elder**, 11 and **Elyse McManus**, 15. Half of the amount raised will be donated to Heifer International, chosen by Molly and the other half to Pennies for Peace, chosen by Elyse.

Molly, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Washington Middle School, shared with us her reason for choosing Heifer International: “My cousin’s family has made a donation in our name to this charity for a Christmas present. It’s a good charity. It’s a nice idea.”

A Holy Names Academy 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Elyse told us how Greg Mortenson, the founder of Pennies for Peace inspired her to get involved with this charity. “He spoke at our school and talked about how Pennies for Peace builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.” She further explained how she did a school drive for Pennies for Peace.

Along with supporting charities, contest winners won cash prizes for their artwork. Molly and Elyse each received \$100. Second place winners **Elaina Thomas**, 11 of Seattle, WA and **Crystal Haigh**, 12 of Auburn, WA each received \$50. Third place winners **Zaev Lichty**, 11 of Fircrest, WA and **Samantha Ayers-Schenck** of Burien, WA each received \$25.

To purchase a pack of 10 cards for only \$7 visit any GHCU branch. To find the nearest branch location and view winning artwork, visit [www.ghcu.org](http://www.ghcu.org).

For more information on the charities that will be receiving donations, visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) and [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org).

To view winning artwork visit [www.ghcu.org](http://www.ghcu.org).

**About GHCU:** Established in 1948, Group Health Credit Union has 28,000 members and assets of \$240 million. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in Washington State. GHCU offers a full array of financial products and services including checking and savings accounts, home and auto loans, credit cards and more.

GHCU is part of the Shared Branching Network and Co-op ATM Network allowing GHCU members to access their accounts at thousands of other credit unions and ATMs nationwide. For more information visit [www.ghcu.org](http://www.ghcu.org).

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