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**Kids, Cards and Worthy Causes:
Group Health Credit Union Gives Holiday Card Proceeds
to Ronald McDonald House and Treehouse**

When five-year-old Bridget Cleary found out her design was one of two chosen to decorate Group Health Credit Union's holiday cards, she was thrilled. When she found out the proceeds from the sale of those cards would be donated to help others, she could hardly make up her mind which of her friends would get the money.

Once her parents had explained to her the nature of charitable organizations, Bridget chose Treehouse, an organization that supplies foster kids with clothes, school supplies and other essentials, but also tutoring, coaching for those with college ambitions and even the chance to go to summer camp.

At just twelve years old, Megan Davies is already a very accomplished artist. Her drawing of downtown Seattle at winter holiday time was also chosen to decorate Group Health Credit Union's holiday cards, and that was "really cool." But she was even more excited to discover that the money raised from the sale of the cards would be donated to the charity of her choice.

The Seattle Ronald McDonald House provides living space for families that must relocate to Seattle while a child is receiving treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital. As many as 1,200 families a year find a home here, and more than a home. For many, Ronald McDonald House is a haven, a community of people sharing similar struggles and providing mutual support, plus a network of knowledgeable, caring staff and volunteers. Megan was happy to be able to contribute to the cause. "I really like the idea of giving these people a place to live," she says.

"Credit unions were formed to be not for profit, not for charity, but for service. That philosophy is still true today and supporting our community is a big part of that philosophy," says Arden Clise, GHCU Marketing Manager. "We are excited to be able to support the very important work these organizations do for children and for the community."

Founded in 1948, Group Health Credit Union today serves more than 28,000 members and is open to anyone who lives or works in Washington. The credit union offers a full array of financial products and services including checking and savings accounts, home and auto loans, credit cards and more. Visit www.ghcu.org for more information.

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