

## **\$100,000 to support people in local communities**

**Ontario, December 1, 2023** – Once again this year, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union is proud to express the spirit of generosity it aims to inspire in Ontario by donating \$100,000 to community organizations and food banks across the province.

"We support the communities we're in throughout the year with donations and sponsorships, but we know that the holiday season brings additional demands for our community organizations. We're happy to be able to give this extra helping hand to those in need at this time of year," said Francine Côté, chair of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union board of directors.

Najat Ghannou, president of the Association canadienne des Marocains d'Ottawa-Gatineau, a non-profit organization representing the Moroccan community in Canada's Capital Region, explained that this initiative will help make Christmas baskets available to students and families during the holiday season. "We welcome and appreciate this Desjardins community action to provide tangible support to people who need it."

LeeAnne Rorabeck, Director of Development and Communications for charity Feed the Need in Durham highlighted the positive impact of Desjardins's contribution. "Your kindness and generosity have not only touched our organization but have also made a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families who rely on our services. This donation will equal 3,000 meals for the community!"

### **About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union**

Desjardins Ontario Credit Union is part of Canada's leading cooperative financial group and has been doing business in Ontario for over 100 years. Desjardins Ontario Credit Union provides a full range of banking services<sup>1</sup> for everyone and every need. Thanks to its cooperative nature and financial strength, it shares a portion of its surplus earnings with its members. By the end of 2023, this will add up to \$13.7 million in community and individual member dividends and contributions to hundreds of projects in Ontario.

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