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OCTOBER 31, 2012 - Valley Communities Credit Union, with offices in Marshfield, Mosinee, Stevens Point, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids, asked members and area residents to donate their used cell phones to help U.S. military troops connect with their loved ones back home. During the month of October Valley Communities Credit Union, along with the Mosinee Middle School, served as drop off locations for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Cell Phones for Soldiers, a Massachusetts based non-profit, was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist at the ages of 12 and 13 in 2004. The charity has since provided more than 150 million minutes of free talk time to servicemen and women stationed around the world. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase prepaid international calling cards.

With the help of the Mosinee Middle School Student Senate, Valley Communities credit union was able to collect over 100 cell phones to donate to Cell Phones for Soldiers. Donated phones are sent to Michigan-based ReCellular for recycling. For every donated phone valued at just $5, Cell Phones for Soldiers is able to provide two and a half hours of free talk time to deployed troops.

For more information, please visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

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