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Access Credit Union donates \$250,000 to STARS

Manitoba, Aug. 16, 2017 – Access Credit Union is pleased to announce a \$250,000 donation to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS), which will be allocated over five-years and directly contribute to providing time, hope and life-saving transport to critically ill and injured patients in Manitoba.

“Access Credit Union seeks to invest in organizations for the betterment of our members and our communities” said Larry Davey, Access Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer. *“STARS is a vital resource not only for the rural communities in which we serve, but for Manitobans as a whole. We are incredibly grateful for the lifesaving services they provide and are proud to show our continued support with this gift.”*

STARS celebrated the donation by unveiling Access Credit Union’s logo on the tail fin of the helicopter during a special ceremony at the STARS base in Winnipeg. Another celebration also occurred during a public event at the Boundary Trails Hospital in the Winkler-Morden community.

“Thank you to Access Credit Union for this generous donation,” said STARS President and Chief Executive Officer Andrea Robertson. *“We are very proud to showcase their logo on our helicopter and welcome their team as allies in our fight to save lives.”*

In addition to this major gift, Access Credit Union has also been actively receiving donations for STARS at their 17 locations across southern Manitoba, and Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Myrna Wiebe is participating in the annual Rescue on the Island fundraising event on Sept. 14, 2017.

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STARS is a charitable, non-profit helicopter air ambulance organization that provides time, hope and life-saving support to critically ill and injured patients. Our doctors, nurses, paramedics and pilots work with a team of dedicated support staff and community partners to save lives through rapid and specialized emergency medical care and transportation. STARS operates 24/7 out of six bases across western Canada, where it has carried out more than 36,000 missions since 1985.

About Access Credit Union

Access Credit Union strives to be an employer of choice in Southern Manitoba with 17 branches, 260 employees and over \$2.6 billion in assets under administration. Access is committed to strengthening the communities they serve by supporting organizations, charities and events that reflect the values of their members, employees and communities.

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