ICU Day: Inspiring Hope For a Global Community

International Credit Union Day is almost here! This year’s theme is “Inspiring Hope For a Global Community.” On October 15, join us in celebrating credit unions and their service to communities around the world. Despite recent challenges, credit unions have remained true to their values of people helping people and helped their communities in many ways. It’s important to keep hope alive! One way you can join the celebration is by helping a local charity.

Crowdfund for Charity
Be like your credit union and support your community!

1. Research and pick a charity or nonprofit that inspires you.
2. Prepare a donation pitch that you can use to explain to others why they should donate.
3. Reach out to friends and family members via email, social media, text, or phone call and tell them about your cause.
4. Accept donations either online or via cash/check.
5. Send your donations, along with a note listing all your supporters, to the charity.
6. Send the people that donated a thank-you note for their participation.

DIY Gift Giving

With the holiday season around the corner, you may be looking at your savings account and wondering how you can afford gifts for your loved ones. Now is a great time to start saving, or even better, make your gifts! Below are a few do-it-yourself (DIY) gifts you can make easily from home:

- Mason jar cookie mixes or soup mixes with recipe cards
- Custom artwork
- Hand-sewn masks
- Crocheted stuffed animals
- Photo album or scrapbook
- Mini plants in painted pots
- Chore or work coupon books

Whatever you make, if you make it with love, your friends and family will love it too!
Spend Less This Halloween

If your account balance is looking a little scary, don’t worry. There are still plenty of festive activities you can do to get in the spirit of Halloween.

• Look up creative ways to decorate pumpkins online, like painting or bedazzling. Hold a decorating competition with your family and friends by sending photos of all the creations to a shared online photo album. You can also do this with your costumes!
• Check us out on pinterest.com/redwoodcu for spooky Halloween treats to make yourself.
• Decorate your yard with environmentally friendly decorations.
• Make a Halloween-themed watch list of classic movies and cartoons.
• Have a virtual ghost story session with friends and family. You can all read or tell your favorite scary stories over group video chat.
• Look up Halloween crafts online and impress all your friends on social media with your success (or even better, your hilarious fails)!
• Leave Halloween treats or cards for your neighbors.

Halloween Super Tips:

Rather than decorating only the outside of your house, turn your entire home into a spooky retreat. Each room can have a unique theme, just like a haunted house. Give a virtual tour of your new creepy abode to family and friends and invite them to do the same!

America Recycles Day!

Did you know November 15, 2020, is America Recycles Day? Just one person can throw away four pounds of trash or more A DAY! That’s a lot! For America Recycles Day, why not cut down on that waste by committing to use only recyclable products and products packaged with only recyclable materials. At the end of the day, ask yourself if it was an easy challenge or difficult. Why or why not? How can you commit to recycling more and throwing away less? Can you keep up the challenge for a week? A month? A year?

Staff Development Day, October 12
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving, November 26
Christmas Eve, December 24
(branches close at 4 p.m.)
Christmas Day, December 25
New Year’s Day, January 1

Remember, you can access your account online or with our mobile app 24/7/365!