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SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$12,500 TO Sounding Joy

(St. Petersburg, FL) — Sounding Joy announces a charitable gift of \$12,500 from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. The funds will be used to **buy hearing aids and services for children in the Tampa Bay area**. This award will help Sounding Joy buy hearing aids and services for up to 7 children.

“We are thrilled to receive this generous award from Suncoast Credit Union,” expressed Christy Vogel, Executive Director of Sounding Joy. “These funds will not only help us buy hearing aids for children, but will also help reduce addiction and suicide attempt rates in the children who receive them.”

Suncoast Credit Union, Florida’s largest credit union, founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to promote the education, health and emotional well-being of children in the community. Each time a Suncoast member uses their debit or credit card, the credit union donates four cents to the Foundation to fund local initiatives. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has raised and donated over \$55 million.

“Allowing children the tools needed to address the hurdles of life is what our Suncoast mission is all about,” says Jeff Kunberger, Executive Director of Suncoast Foundations. “Helping children address their hearing aids and services can preserve and promote a healthy future that all children deserve,” he added.

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About Sounding Joy

Sounding Joy is a charity founded by Christy Vogel to help children with hearing loss whose families don’t qualify for financial assistance and can’t afford hearing aids. They partner with audiologists, corporate sponsors and donors to provide professionally fitted and programmed hearing aids to those who can’t get them so they can reach their full potential.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the 8th largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$19.0 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 78 full-service branches and serves more than 1.3 million members across Florida. As a community credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Suncoast Credit Union's service area is eligible for membership. In 2021, Suncoast Credit Union's field of membership was expanded to include public K-12 teachers, college educators, and educational support staff from all of Florida's 67 counties. Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$55 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education, and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit [suncoast.com](https://www.suncoast.com) or follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).