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Giving Back to Our Communities

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Going to the dogs!

Ken Matthews supports Animal Aid Society



Courtesy photo
Ken Matthews, left, presents a check to Nancy Peterson and a friend from the Animal Aid Society.

Ken Matthews Garden Center in Yorktown raised over \$1,000 for the Animal Aid Society located in Hampton, through a Silent Auction during its Winter Event held at the Garden Center Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Winter Event held at the Garden Center was a day full of workshops taught by Matthews and his associates, guest speakers Jim Orband of the York County Extension Service and Marianne Ritchie, founder of A Thyme To Plant Herb Farm.

The workshops included such subjects as pruning, lawn care, seed starting, herb, veggie, container and bird gardening.

"I learned what I had hoped to learn and more" said one attendee.

Items donated for the auction ranged from gift certificates from local businesses, items from local artists, an autographed book from garden writer Pamela Harper, among others.

The Animal Aid Society is a non-profit, "no-kill" dog shelter which relies solely on donations and fund raisers to maintain the shelter and take care of the dogs.

For more information on Ken Matthews Garden Center, visit www.kenmatthewsgardencenter.com.

LCFU is matching donations for disaster relief in Haiti

Langley Federal Credit Union has announced that it will match Disaster Relief Fund donations dollar for dollar, with a total LFCU contribution to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief & Development of up to \$10,000.

Members and non-members may visit any LFCU branch to make a cash or check donation now through February 28.

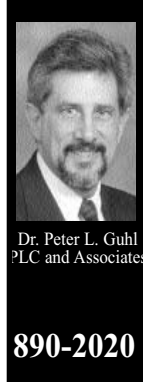
Checks should be made payable to LFCU, c/o Disaster Relief Fund.

On January 12, a series of earthquakes with magnitudes ranging from 6.5 to 7.3 devastated Haiti. The American Red Cross is working with its partners in the global Red Cross and Red Crescent network, including the Haitian Red Cross, and other partners to

assist those affected by this disaster.

Contributions to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief & Development fund will support emergency relief and recovery efforts to help those people affected by the earthquake in Haiti, and may include deploying personnel, sending relief supplies, or providing financial resources.

Does your business reach out to the community? Does a business you patronize lend a hand?
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Union Bank & Trust reaches out all year

By Beth Meisner

Staff writer

Sometimes they're helping the elves provide a merrier Christmas for the needy.

Sometimes they're chopping up barbecue and serving cole slaw.

Sometimes they're dressed in costumes and walking in parades.

Whatever the guise, what they're doing is "giving back" to the community.

The Union Bank & Trust organization has a philosophy that definitely incorporates a "community involvement piece," says Julie Pressley, Vice President and Hampton Roads Market Manager.

"At least one individual in every branch participates in community service projects."

And corporate supports those efforts by giving people time away from the office to attend meetings or volunteer, and often makes a monetary donation to programs which their employees are supporting.

"We're a business in the community, we're located in the community and supported by the community," Pressley says. "It's our responsibility as a business to give back to the community."

The Hampton Roads area Union Bank & Trust family includes branches in Grafton, Williamsburg and Newport News.

Recently, "giving back" for these branches has included a tour of duty ringing the Salvation Army's bell in that organization's annual holiday kettle drive - Bob Bailey, Regional Market President, is on that



group's Board of Directors.

In addition, Pressley is on the board of the Grafton Kiwanis Club which serves up barbecue throughout the year and pours the proceeds back into school programs and a variety of community projects. She's also on the board of the York County Boys and Girls Clubs, and the bank is assisting with fund raising efforts to support that fledgling enterprise.

Frank Haislip is on the board of Victory YMCA which offers everything from wellness programs to after-school sessions and yoga.

The Grafton branch fields a Relay for Life team each year.

Employees at the Williamsburg branch belong to, and work on behalf of, the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club, the Toano Kiwanis Club, the Williamsburg Red Cross and the Battered Women's Shelter in Williamsburg.

It's all part of what the bank calls a "partnership" with the communities.

Next month, Union Bank & Trust will merge with First Market Bank which Pressley points out, "has the same philosophy about community service, and has a long history of supporting William and Mary, among its other beneficiaries. The new partnership, which will create the largest state-head-

quartered bank in Virginia, will continue to offer "community banking and community service," Pressley says.

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