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## **ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ONCE AGAIN RAISES MORE THAN \$12K FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

Despite two economically devastating years for the economy, Ascend Federal Credit Union has once again raised more than \$12,000 for cancer research.

The \$12,470.76 raised from two October fund-raisers is slightly less than last year's total of \$12,938.70.

"Even in this difficult economy, our employees and members have recognized the need to fund cancer research, and their donations are helping raise the possibilities of people struggling with cancer," Ascend President and CEO Caren Gabriel said.

Credit union employees raised \$4,100 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help fight breast cancer. Employees who donated at least \$5 a week could "dress down" to blue jeans each Friday and Saturday in October. Ascend matched the employees' effort bringing the total to \$8,200.

Ascend employees raised \$4,270.76 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Costumed for a Cure." On Oct. 30 employees at participating Ascend financial centers and in participating departments dressed in Halloween costumes or decorated pumpkins. Credit union members and employees voted for their favorites with a donation of at least \$1. Credit union financial centers also sold plush animals with all proceeds above cost going to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Ascend Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution with 15 locations in Middle Tennessee. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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