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Viriva Community Credit Union Is Starting the New Year Off on the Right Foot!

Viriva CCU is starting the New Year off right! During Viriva's recent Holiday Party, Credit Union employees, friends and family gathered to show their generosity and support to a wonderful organization known as the St. Edmonds Home for Children by raising close to \$500 in monetary donations. The donation check was recently delivered to the Home, as reflected in the attached photo of VCCU's own Carolyn Purtle, Marketing Assistant, and Denise Clofine. (Please see attachment for photo)

St. Edmond's Home for Children, created in 1916 by Archbishop Edmond Prendergast, located to its current Rosemont facility in 1956. Less than ten minutes from Villanova, *St. Edmond's* is dedicated to providing quality care for children up to the age of twenty-one who have mental retardation (MR). The majority of the forty residents are non-verbal and have severe to profound MR. *St. Edmond's* provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, recreational therapy, as well as religious education at the level of the child's understanding for all residents.

For its Holiday Party Viriva donated a number of gift baskets filled with wine, homemade cooking, and chocolate assortments, which were raffled off for a donation of \$1.00 per entry. Attendees, knowing that all funds raised would be used to better the lives of these children, fully participated. When asked how the Christmas Party went, one employee replied: "I was able to win a gift that gave! That's great and it wasn't just about having a good time, it made the party meaningful."

Now that the holidays have past, Viriva employees are still in a giving spirit as talks of what type of baskets to raffle off next holiday season are already circulating.

Viriva Community Credit Union, established in 1936, offers a full range of financial services. Viriva serves the financial needs of those who live, work, worship or attend school in the Pennsylvania counties of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware and Bucks.

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