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FOR THE SELCCU COMMUNITY OF
LORAIN COUNTY

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SELCCU'S MAKE MONEY MATTER CAMPAIGN GIVES BACK

We want to help you save and give to what matters!

Did you know that according to a 2015 study* American teachers spend an average of \$500 annually on school supplies to help students who can't afford them? Even equipping children with the basics - backpacks, binders, pencils, and notebooks - can sometimes prove too costly for many low-income families. From June 1 - July 31, 2016, you can make "back to school" worth looking forward to for a child in need. For every loan booked during this 2-month period, SELCCU will donate a backpack filled with school supplies to a school in Lorain County.

How Much Will You Give?

Personal Loans & Credit Cards - 1 Backpack

New and Used Auto Loans - 2 Backpacks

Home Equity Loans & Mortgages - 3 Backpacks

MAKE *Money*
MATTER

Our goal for 2016 is to save our members \$500,000 in loan interest and fees this year to put back into what matters... like our local community. So far, we've put more than \$156,458.94 back in our members' pockets. See how much you can save and check our progress & backpacks donated at MakeMoneyMatterLorain.com.

*2015 study conducted by SheerID and Agile Education Marketing

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – MORGAN STOLL

Introducing our newest employee, Morgan Stoll. Morgan has been with SELCCU for just over two months and is fitting in quite nicely according to her peers. Prior to joining the staff at SELCCU, Morgan worked at Target and attended college at LCCC.



She enjoys helping our members with their transactions and strives to always exceed their expectations. Next time you're in our Elyria branch, make sure to stop and say "hello" to Morgan. Her courteous and pleasant personality will make your day!

CARE CONNECTION – ANNUAL SALVATION ARMY SHOE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Throughout June & July, SELCCU will be accepting donations for the Salvation Army's annual Back to School Shoe Voucher Program, which helps provide school shoes for local children in need. Because of the kindness and generosity of our members, the credit union collected nearly \$1,000 in 2015. We hope that you will join us for this annual community project, beginning June 1. Stop in and leave your spare change in one of our collection jars or ask to have funds withdrawn from your account. Each Friday, staff members will participate in paid dress-down days, with the proceeds going to the Shoe Voucher Program as well.

As always, thank you for helping us with our Care Connection community outreach program.



SELCCU MINI-GRANT IN ACTION

Four, \$250 Mini-Grants for Teachers



Every new school year, SELCCU offers four, \$250 mini-grants to teachers looking to do a special educational project with their class. One of the recent recipients of a mini-grant was Kathryn Dillen of Keystone Middle School. Kathryn used the mini-grant for her 6th grade Social Studies classes as they studied the regions and people of the Eastern Hemisphere. She purchased, "The Nystrom World Atlas" paperback books to actively engage her students to examine and use many hands-on geographic tools, including graphs, charts, diagrams & pictures for in-depth study of the regions. This resource will help 115 students this year alone, but can be used for many more years to come.

WHY DO WE BECOME EDUCATORS?

Here is an excerpt of a letter that we received from a retired Lorain City Schools teacher, written by one of her students (names have been changed)

"It's Eric, I hope you don't mind me writing you. It's been a very long time and I wanted to catch up. I've gone back to school to get my Business degree, and I'm still using all the things you taught me to help with my reading. In fact, school is what gave me the idea to write you. My Mom helped a little with getting your address. Mom and Dad still live in the same house on North Jefferson. So after High School, I joined the Air Force. The best decision I ever made. I spent 25 years and retired as a Master Sargent. The Air Force taught me logistics and I have a real hand for it. The Air Force took me all over the world - ten different countries, even all the way to the North Pole. All that while I used what you taught me to get through my promotion tests and to my first degree - taking one line at a time so I don't get too far ahead and reading out loud helps. I even found that walking around while reading out loud helps. I also used audio when I could. I now live in Tucson, Arizona. I have a wonderful wife and 4 kids. I have 2 daughters that my wife brought to our marriage and I have 2 kids of my own that I love more than anything in the world. a boy and a girl, Alexandra and Mitchell. I work for the defense contract Raytheon. We make missile for the Government. I'm the International Logistics Manager and I really like my job. Sorry I feel like I'm kind of rambling now. I really wanted you to know what your help has done for me in my life. You were one of the people that gave me the confidence that I could overcome dyslexia and do all of the things I wanted to. You gave me the tools and I used them as best I could and still do. I just wanted you to know what you did for me. I will never forget everything you have done for me. I hope you are well, and your family is well. Thanks again for everything." -Eric

Annual Shred-It Day SCHEDULED

Our annual Shred-It Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to NOON in the rear parking lot of our main office at 340 Griswold Road in Elyria. Members are invited to bring old paper documents for safe, secure shredding & disposal. No cardboard boxes, documents with large binder clips or plastic (three-ring binders, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes or credit cards).

Amherst Special Needs Class Visits SELCCU

Students from the Amherst Schools special needs class paid a visit to SELCCU in April. As part of our ongoing commitment to financial education, they learned about counting money, determining if something is a "want" or "need" and interacting with our tellers by cashing a "check". Then, they got to go shopping at our very own SELCCU store for prizes and candy. Thanks for visiting with us!

LIFEOPOLY THREE-DAY REALITY GAME FOR TEENS

Teen members ages 13-17 are invited to join us July 11-13 for a three-day reality game called, "Lifeopoly". With Lifeopoly, teens will learn about budgeting, credit & life choices that have an impact of what can be saved and spent. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, June 29. Call 440-324-3400 for details and to register. Minimum enrollment required.

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