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Operation Donation: LGE raises \$35,097

Credit union honors two retiring execs

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MARIETTA — Employees of LGE Community Credit Union, with the help of an LGE matching gift, raised \$35,097 this year to help needy families through Operation Donation. The credit union celebrated the donations at its annual holiday breakfast, hosted by retiring chief executive Ed Collins.

The breakfast "has always been the day of the year I have most looked forward to because it shows the heart and spirit of the people who work here," Collins said.

Among the recipients of Operation Donation were a baby in need of a liver and pancreas transplant; an advocacy group for abused children; and



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From left are new CEO Chris Leggett of Kennesaw; Ed Collins of Atlanta, retiring president and CEO; and Richard Hampton of Acworth, retiring executive vice president and chief operating officer. Collins is retiring after 24 years and Hampton is retiring after 40. Leggett takes his new post in January.

an organization that trains dogs to assist wounded soldiers in coping with the basic tasks of daily living.

Friends and family of the credit union also honored two long-serving leaders who are retiring. Collins is retiring after 24 years at LGE. Richard Hampton, executive vice presi-

dent and chief operating officer, is retiring after 40 years.

Chris A. Leggett, the chief financial officer, will become president and CEO on Jan. 1.

LGE has more than 90,000 members worldwide and assets of more than \$600 million. The credit union has 200 employees and seven branches in Georgia.