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## ***International Credit Union Day Food Drive for Georgia Flood Victims***

**DULUTH, GA (November 6, 2009)** – The disastrous flooding in mid September left several Georgia families without the basic necessities. Numerous families throughout Georgia lost their homes and are in need of shelter, food and clothing.

In the spirit of “People Helping People,” Georgia Credit Union Affiliates’ staff organized a food drive in honor of International Credit Union Day, which was celebrated October 15, 2009.



**From left to right: GCUA staff Maryanne Schlegelmilch, Marie Bedgood, Vonda White and Kodisha Taylor**

“This activity allowed our staff to give to those who have lost everything in the recent Georgia flooding, and to exemplify what the credit union movement has stood for the past 100 years — helping people improve their lives,” said Anita Paul, director of communications. The food items were donated to The Center for Family Resource in Cobb County, Georgia, one of the areas hit hardest in metro Atlanta.

Total flood damage in Georgia is estimated at over \$500 million with 10 reported deaths and 17 Georgia counties declared federal disaster areas. “So many of us are saddened by the devastation the flooding caused. We were pleased to have so many staff members participate in the food drive. It was an ideal way to celebrate credit unions through the spirit of giving.” said Paul.

### **About Georgia Credit Union Affiliates**

Georgia Credit Union Affiliates (GCUA) provides services and support that help credit union meet the financial service needs of the state’s more than 1.8 million credit union members. GCUA offers advocacy, educational, operational and marketing support for 167 credit unions, which in 2009, have combined total assets over \$15 billion. More information can be found at [www.georgiacreditunions.org](http://www.georgiacreditunions.org).