



CHARTER OAK DONATES \$15,000 TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM

Credit Union Continues with Second Year Sponsorship of Aquarium's "Frogs!" Exhibit

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Waterford, CT – July 12, 2017 – Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has awarded an additional \$15,000 to Mystic Aquarium as part of the credit union's continuing support of their Frogs! exhibit.

The credit union first announced its partnership with Mystic Aquarium in 2016 during the grand opening celebration of its Mystic Branch, where Brian A. Orenstein, Charter Oak's President and Chief Executive Officer presented the aquarium with a \$15,000 donation in support of their mission to care for and protect our ocean planet through conservation, education and research. In addition, a portion of the donation went towards the Frogs! exhibit.

In May, the aquarium opened its second brand-new exhibit in two years, Weird & Wonderful, and is showcasing some of nature's most bizarre and fascinating creatures.

Charter Oak invests in its members and the communities it serves through its Community Giving Program. Most recently, the credit union awarded \$90,000 in college scholarships to college-bound members. Education has been a significant focus for the credit union's Community Giving Committee, and it has reinforced this focus by donating to programs that encourage creativity in today's youth as well as programs that provide job training for under and unemployed people within New London and Windham counties.

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Mystic Aquarium, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, is counted among the nation's leading aquariums with more than 300 species and an extensive collection of marine mammals, including New England's only beluga whales. Mystic Aquarium has been a pioneer in offering guests a variety of up close encounters with a wide range of marine animals. The mission of Mystic Aquarium is to inspire people to care for and protect our ocean planet through conservation, education and research. Mystic Aquarium receives major support from The Coca-Cola Company, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Resorts World Sentosa and United Technologies Corporation. Learn more at mysticaquarium.org.