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Coastal Community raises \$20,000 for vulnerable students in Nanaimo area

Nanaimo, BC — Thanks to the generosity of members and staff at five Coastal Community locations in the Nanaimo region, more than \$20,000 was raised to support local students in need. The funds were collected for Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation's (NLSF) annual Stock the Lockers campaign.

"We've been raising money for Stock the Lockers for years now. It's a cause that is close to all our hearts," said Dimitri Tzotzos, Assistant Manager at Coastal Community's Gabriola branch. "Our staff and our members really care, knowing the impact this will have on vulnerable students of all ages. Some folks come in every year just to donate! This year, we hit a new fundraising record, and what makes it even better is knowing every dollar stays right here, helping local families with challenges."

The ongoing support from Coastal Community and its members is appreciated by those leading the drive; they see firsthand the difference it makes for students each year.

"Coastal Community Credit Union and its members have been wonderful longtime partners of our Stock the Lockers campaign," said Crystal Dennison, Executive Director of NLSF.

"We're so grateful for their continued commitment and teamwork in helping make this year's campaign a success. Their generosity and care for local students makes a real difference—ensuring kids from kindergarten to Grade 12 have the tools they need to succeed in school."

Last year alone, NLSF provided 2,100 breakfasts and lunches, they distributed school supplies to more than 1,200 students, and gave \$575,000 in post-secondary funds to Grade 12 students. The funds raised by Coastal Community will help NLSF with their \$75,000 goal for their 2025 fundraising initiative. While Stock the Lockers kicked off the school year with great success, support is needed year-round. To learn more or to donate, visit nlsf.ca.

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Improving financial health, enriching lives, and building healthier communities. These are at the core of who we are and what we do at Coastal Community Credit Union. As the largest Island-based financial organization, we serve over 120,000 members and clients on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

To help you improve your financial health, we offer a range of personal, business, and commercial banking and insurance* services, as well as wealth management through Aviso Wealth.** Our Island communities are our homes, so we make decisions based on knowledge of the local market, strengthening local economies. And we never stop looking for ways to improve the way we do business.

As a financial co-operative, we are 100% member-owned. Our shareholders are our neighbours and fellow citizens, so we are focused on building strong and vibrant communities by keeping our earnings and our community efforts local. Each year, Coastal Community invests over half a million dollars into communities across the Islands through community funding grants, education awards, sponsorships and fundraising initiatives.

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