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**The Summit Federal Credit Union Taste of Syracuse 2019 Presented by Tops  
Raises \$18,000 for Local Charities**

Syracuse, NY – Central New York’s biggest food and music festival welcomed an estimated 225,000 people over two days this past June. While the festival set records for attendance, it also raised thousands of dollars for local charities.

Representatives from The Summit Federal Credit Union and Tops Friendly Markets gathered Tuesday, October 1 at The Summit’s Erie Boulevard Branch to present a check for \$9,000 to each of the two festival beneficiaries: ARC of Onondaga and Elmcrest Children’s Center. The money collected was a joint effort between The Summit Federal Credit Union and Tops Friendly Markets, Taste of Syracuse sponsors for the “Tribute to Youth”-themed weekend.

“We are thrilled that we were able to recognize and raise money for these two local charities that make a big difference in Central New York,” said Christin Vincent, Branch Manager for The Summit Federal Credit Union.

“We thank everyone for stopping by our tent to help us support ARC of Onondaga and Elmcrest Children’s Center,” said Kathleen Allen, Senior Manager of Community Relations for Tops Friendly Markets. “With your help, Tops contributed \$13,924 of the \$18,000 raised for these worthy causes.”

“We truly have the best partners for this event. Not only do they help to underwrite this great community festival, but they are always forward thinking in regards to ways that they can give back to our local community,” said Galaxy Media Chief Operating Officer, Carrie Wojtaszek. “We’re looking forward to next year!”

***Breakdown of Donations***

*The Summit Federal Credit Union:  
\$4,076 donated to the local charities*

*Tops Friendly Markets:  
\$13,924 donated to the local charities*

***About The Summit Federal Credit Union***

Founded in 1941, The Summit Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned, full-service financial cooperative. With approximately \$1 Billion in assets, The Summit has over 230 employees and provides a full range of affordable financial products and services to approximately 85,000 active members in Central and Western New York. For more information, visit [www.summitfcu.org](http://www.summitfcu.org).

***About Tops Friendly Markets***

Tops Markets, LLC is headquartered in Williamsville, NY and operates 159 full-service supermarkets with five additional franchise stores and is the largest private, for-profit employer in Western New York. As a leading grocery retailer in New York, northern Pennsylvania, and western Vermont, and with the support of 14,000 associates, our core mission is to help our communities flourish. We support programs that seek to eradicate hunger and disease; promote the education of our youth; and to ensure we reduce environmental waste and energy consumption while providing our customers with sustainably sourced, high quality products. For more information, visit [www.topsmarkets.com](http://www.topsmarkets.com).

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