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## **FOX COMMUNITIES CREDIT UNION AND CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS PROVIDE TROOPS WITH FREE CALLS HOME**

Fox Communities Credit Union and nonprofit [Cell Phones For Soldiers](#) are asking local residents to help troops call home by donating gently-used cellular phones. As many as 200,000 troops are serving in the United States military overseas around the world. By donating to Cell Phones for Soldiers, local residents can provide a lifeline for America's bravest.

Beginning January 14th, residents can donate their phones and/or tablets at any Fox Communities Credit Union locations in the Fox Cities, Green Bay Area, Oshkosh, and Lakeshore. Go to [www.foxcu.org](http://www.foxcu.org) for all branch locations, or [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) for more info.

Cell Phones For Soldiers was founded in 2004 by teenagers [Robbie and Brittany Bergquist](#) at the ages of 12 and 13. The charity has since provided more than 300 million minutes of free talk time to servicemen and women stationed around the world through its calling card program, Minutes That Matter. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase prepaid international calling cards. On average, Cell Phones for Soldiers distributes 1,500 calling cards each week to bases around the world, care package programs, deployment ceremonies and VA hospitals.

"Each year we have been humbled by the amount of people and organizations like Fox Communities Credit Union that take the initiative to support our military members," said co-founder Robbie Bergquist. For every donated phone valued at \$5, Cell Phones for Soldiers can provide two and a half hours of free talk time to deployed troops.

*Fox Communities Credit Union is 81 years strong and today serves over 102,000 members with 22 branches. As a member-owned financial institution, Fox prioritizes people over profits. Fox has made a commitment to remain vital in the communities we serve, through our support and involvement. Fox has over 400 dedicated employees and more than \$1.5 billion in assets. In 2017, Fox was awarded the best performing Credit Union by S&P Global.*