



**CONGRATULATIONS... AMY HOLSAPPLE!**

Thanks to all who voted our very own Wheatfield Branch Director in the category of *BEST TELLER in all of Jasper County.*

**Jasper County Readers' Choice Awards 2024**



*Amy Holsapple  
Wheatfield Branch Director*

**Amy Holsapple  
Best in the Region  
Best Bank Teller  
2023 & 2024  
Way to Go, Amy!**

**Wheatfield Branch  
Best in the Region  
Best Bank/Credit Union  
3 Years - 2020, 2021, 2022  
Great Job, Wheatfield Branch!**



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**Tis' the season for Giving?**  
**First Trust embraces the season ... All Year Long!**



While it is time once again, for our annual holiday fundraisers to get started, First Trust strives to embrace the credit union value of giving back to local communities throughout the entire year at all four branch locations. Donations, sponsorships, back to school initiatives, gift baskets for raffles/auctions, are a few of the focuses First Trust's Marketing Department manages on a regular basis. In addition, each branch location has chosen one or two charity partners that are at the center of their fundraising efforts throughout the year. Here's a little trip down memory lane to showcase the main charity partners First Trust has chosen that our members can choose to support in First Trust's efforts to support these organizations.

**Branch Charity Partners:**

**La Porte: New Day Foundation** - helping local cancer patients and their families with financial and physical support. **Jane Bernard Animal Adoption Center** - pet adoption and reuniting lost pets with owners.

**Valpo: Hilltop Neighborhood House and Walt's Place** - provides childcare, pre-school and after-school programs for local families in need.

**Wheatfield: Miracle Tree** collection partner for holiday gifts for the community.

**Michigan City: The Salvation Army of Michigan City** - doing the most good for people in the community who are struggling with insecurity in any area of life.

**Open Door Adolescent Center** - located inside the Michigan City High School providing teens with a place to receive help with the many issues that face so many teens today, such as drug & alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, dysfunctional homes and homelessness.



\$700 Donation  
The Salvation Army of  
Michigan City  
Stuff a Bus Event-2024



Hilltop House  
Back to School  
Classroom  
Sponsor-2024

Keep an eye out for collections/drives we host in our lobbies throughout the year. Monetary donations are also always accepted at each branch.

**Join Us this Holiday Season! LET'S GIVE BACK!**

Please look for our holiday Toy Drives, Fundraisers, Angel Trees, & Pet Adoption Collections. YOU can help us make a difference this holiday season! Please stop by your local branch and inquire about how to help us spread holiday joy in our local communities!



**Class of 2025 High School Seniors ... check out our \$1,000 Scholarships Available for YOU!**

Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be available again for 2024/2025 graduating high school seniors who are members, or become new members. First Trust will offer four (4) of these to seniors pursuing a Bachelor's Degree, and four (4) will be offered to seniors pursuing a non-four year degree (an Associates Degree/Certification/Apprenticeship, etc.) Information and applications will be available online at [www.firsttrustcu.com](http://www.firsttrustcu.com), in school guidance offices, and at First Trust branch locations beginning mid-November 2024.

Completed scholarship applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee via email to [scholarships@firsttrustcu.com](mailto:scholarships@firsttrustcu.com), or mailed to First Trust, or hand-delivered to your local First Trust branch by the March 2025 deadline date (TBD).