

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Hughes Federal Credit Union Launches New Banner Children's Debit Card and Holiday Toy Drive Supporting Diamond Children's Medical Center**

Tucson, Ariz. (December 1, 2025) — Hughes Federal Credit Union is proud to announce the release of its new Banner Children's at Diamond Children's Medical Center Debit Card, available beginning December 1. For every card that is instantly issued in-branch, Hughes will make a direct donation to Diamond Children's Medical Center, helping to provide support and comfort to young patients and their families.

To celebrate the launch and to give back during the holiday season, Hughes is also hosting a Holiday Toy & Gift Drive from Dec. 1-22 at all branch locations. Members and community members are invited to donate new, unwrapped toys, books, or gift cards to brighten the season for children hospitalized at Diamond Children's.

Accepted items include:

- Books
- Playing cards
- Board games
- Building blocks
- Action figures
- Baby doll sets
- Arts & craft kits
- Gift cards
- (and other new, unwrapped toys)

"We are honored to continue our support for Diamond Children's and provide a way for our members to impact children in our community directly," said Elisa Ross, Vice President of Marketing at Hughes Federal Credit Union. "The Diamond Children's Debit Card allows members to give back simply by choosing the instant-issued card, which supports critical programs and services for pediatric patients. And the toy drive ensures every child at Diamond Children's feels a sense of joy this holiday season."

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“We deeply appreciate this partnership with Hughes Federal Credit Union that brings invaluable resources to our Child Life program,” says Aubrey Cameron, Senior Certified Child Life Specialist at Diamond Children’s. “The services we provide are an essential part of making kids and their families feel empowered, safe, and comfortable during their medical journey, and a visit to the Toy Chest to choose a toy to keep is their favorite reward for being brave. On behalf of all the Southern Arizona kids in our care, thank you for this generous support.”

Members may request the new debit card at any Hughes branch. Donations for the toy drive can be dropped off inside the branch lobbies during regular business hours through December 22.

About Hughes Federal Credit Union

Hughes Federal Credit Union is a member-owned financial institution serving nearly 200,000 members with assets exceeding \$2.5 billion. Since its founding in 1952, Hughes has remained deeply committed to improving the financial lives of its members while maintaining strong local roots. Recognized as one of the Best-in-State credit unions by Forbes in 2025 and consistently rated as a Five-Star “Superior” or Four-Star “Excellent” financial institution by BauerFinancial since 1991, Hughes offers a full range of financial products and services designed to meet the evolving needs of its diverse membership. For more information, please visit HughesFCU.org.

About Banner Children’s at Diamond Children’s Medical Center

Banner Children’s at Diamond Children’s Medical Center provides pediatric care for children, from newborns to teens. Services include emergency care, heart disorders, traumatic brain injury, autism and developmental disorders, cancer, diabetes and endocrinology, gastrointestinal and nutritional disorders, neurological problems, orthopedics, intensive care needs and more. It is the only pediatric medical facility in Arizona connected to an academic research facility — the University of Arizona Steele Children’s Research Center — where physician-scientists provide access to groundbreaking science and research to advance children’s health. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com/diamondchildrens.

About the Banner Health Foundation

Established in 2001, the Banner Health Foundation engages the community and stewards charitable contributions to advance Banner Health’s nonprofit mission of making health care easier so life can be better. Contributions are invested locally to support patient care programs and services operated by Banner’s many hospitals and health care facilities across Arizona and Wyoming. For more information, visit www.bannerhealthfoundation.org.

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