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**GO BACK-TO-SCHOOL WITH A GREENER LUNCHBOX
... AND BANKBOOK**

MAPLE GROVE, MINN. — July 30, 2008 —Back-to-school time is nearly upon us, and it's the perfect time to take a fresh look at those lunchboxes. How do you stock them with healthy, easily prepared food that your kids will enjoy? How do you avoid waste, like plastic bags and disposable packaging? Going healthy and green at lunchtime is not as hard as it sounds.

To provide parents with some quick and easy lunchbox knowledge in time for the first school bell, Twin Cities-based TopLine Federal Credit Union is partnering with Young Chef's Academy of Maple Grove, Minn., for a back-to-school open house event. On Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TopLine's Brooklyn Park, Plymouth and Maple Grove branches, Young Chef's Academy nutrition experts will be on hand with tips for packing healthy, greener lunches for kids this school year. And they'll have ideas for getting kids involved in making healthy snacks.

Current and prospective TopLine members also can register to win a pizza-making party for 10 (a \$225 value) at Young Chef's Academy in Maple Grove. Young Chef's Academy is the country's first national franchise geared toward children ages 4-14. The founders, Julie Fabing Burluson & Suzy Vinson Nettles, teach kids the importance and value of cooking in a safe setting that encourages discovery and creativity.

But lunch isn't the only way kids can go greener this back-to-school season. All week, from August 4-9, TopLine will match up to \$25 for anyone opening a new "Education" Smart Savings account. TopLine is also offering a \$50 gift card for new checking accounts with direct deposit, and a \$50 gift card to existing members for referring a new member who opens a checking account with direct deposit.

“Back-to-school season is a natural time to think about developing smart habits, whether it’s about food or finances,” says Mark Hodowanic, Market Manager, TopLine. “We’d like to encourage people to make TopLine their first stop before the bus stop, learn how to pack healthy lunches and go a little greener—to help everyone save money *and* the environment.”

For more information and directions, visit www.TopLinecu.com or call 763-391-9494.

TopLine, a Twin Cities-based credit union, is Minnesota’s 13th largest, with assets of more than \$250 million. Established in 1935, TopLine offers a complete line of financial services from its headquarters in Maple Grove, and six branch offices located in Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Downtown Minneapolis, Edina, Maple Grove and Plymouth, as well as by phone and online at www.TopLinecu.com. Membership is available to anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school or volunteers in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington Counties and their immediate family members.

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