

## TOGETHER WE MADE AN IMPACT

2023 IMPACT REPORT



# CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

The role of the Foundation in the credit union movement is unique. It stands as the keeper of the credit union heart -- catalyzing compassion, generosity, and hopefulness into action and impact. In 2023, we doubled down on our power to bring people together around a common purpose of improving financial well-being for all. Our impact happens because you -- our donors and partners – step up to care about improving the financial health of your employees, members, and communities.

Together, we ignited people's understanding of the financial challenges so many in our country face. We did so through convenings, speaking engagements, and our CU FinHealth™ conference, offered in collaboration with the CA/NV Credit Union Leagues and Cornerstone Credit Union Foundation.

Together, we inspired credit union professionals to dive more deeply into member and community challenges and co-create solutions to improve financial well-being. Our signature Development Education™ program and Exploring Why™ Workshops continued to bring people together from

all walks of credit union life and leverage the power of collaboration and cooperation.

Together, we mobilized generosity to respond to disasters. In the face of the devastating destruction of historic Lahaina town on Maui, the credit union system contributed \$644,000 into CU Aid.

The Foundation continues to work with the two credit unions affected by the fire -- Valley Isle FCU and Maui County FCU – to respond to employee and operational needs. To date, a total of \$13,500 has been distributed.

Our work continues to be informed by the modern-day challenges facing credit unions: growing membership and managing risk; finding and retaining talent within a cooperative finance culture; and responding when disaster strikes. As we hurdle forward into a technodriven world, the Foundation continues to be a steady beacon of humanism -- helping credit unions stay true to our founding principles of mutuality and cooperation and with people at the heart of all we do.

Together, we made an impact.

Teresa Campbell Chair, Board of Directors

Teresa Campbell

Gigi Hyland Executive Director

### IMPACT AT A GLANCE



\$36 MILLION



Since 2005, the amount the Foundation has granted to the movement to improve people's financial well-being



Achieved the highest ratings on BBB, Guidestar and Charity Navigator

\$10 MILLION



Through CUAid, the amount that has been granted to credit union employees and volunteers to recover from natural disasters since 2005

**1,200+** ATTENDEES



for The Foundation Dinner Presenting the Herb Wegner Memorial Awards



23 states where we provided programming

ΑZ	GΑ	MA	SC
CA	IA	ME	TX
CO	IL	MN	VA
CT	NC	OH	WA
DE	NM	OK	WI
FL	NV	OR	



Represented with Foundation Employees



In 2023 the Foundation's programming and products inspired

**2,17**1

**PEOPLE** 

729
ORGANIZATIONS

Hosted Madison, WI:
3 in-person and 1 virtual

3,000+
GRADUATES

From 35+ countries
have graduated from
the U.S. DE program
since its launch in 1982



## TOGETHER WE FUELED FINANCIAL WELL-BEING FOR ALL



Our Knowing & Helping Your Membership grants ignited six small credit unions to better identify the demographics and financial health of their employees and members, setting them on a strategic course for growth.



#### KNOWING & HELPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP GRANT REPORT

We launched two new grant efforts – Tracking the Development Issue

of Hunger and Financial Empowerment through Coaching. These grants were designed to fuel credit unions' work to link financial health with the development issue of hunger and, in the case of financial empowerment, show the data around the power of coaching to move the needle for people's financial well-being.

We also partnered with the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues at "The Pitch" competition during their annual REACH conference. The Foundation donated \$10,000 to the eventual winner, Javier Velasquez, for his credit union community hub plan to offer students, members, and the local community a fully functional space to work, collaborate and grow.

I'm extremely grateful to the Foundation for this opportunity which has allowed me to bring my idea to reality and give SCE Credit Union the ability to provide a very valuable resource to our members and community.

Javier Velasquez Director of Branches SCE Credit Union







Because of this grant, we have changed the way we talk about what members we are able to serve.

As part of our strategy to reach these members, we've formed a Hispanic Advisory Committee that will help implement changes based on the Coopera assessment. We've learned that understanding, engaging, and supporting these communities is not something that can be achieved overnight. It's not about a marketing campaign telling the community you're ready to serve them, it's about a slow and steady roll out, taking small wins along the way.

Adrian Alejandre Senior Vice President Lending ECU









We collaborated with our state credit union foundation partners to update and reissue our Philanthropy Toolkit. This vibrant resource helps credit unions who are considering forming their own foundations or who have a foundation, with guidance and information from peers on key considerations to ensure your philanthropic efforts are strategic.

We ignited 197 credit union professionals to action through the CU FinHealth™ 23 Conference, cohosted by the Foundation, Cornerstone Foundation, and the California & Nevada Credit Union Leagues. Sessions focused on converting vision into action, the role technology plays, the links between health and wealth, and how credit unions can be differentiators in the financial sector.

This was my first time at a FinHealth conference. It is so energizing to connect and collaborate with other CU professionals on these topics. I appreciate the daily themes as well as clear and concise takeaways. Now...how to decide on my top priorities?!

Alexandrea Auch Badger Glove Credit Union





Our FinHealth Fund work moved forward with creation of the FinHealth Hub, a free resource to help credit unions with the "how" of financial well-being for all.

"Master classes" from experts around the nation provide insight and concrete action steps as well as a place for credit unions to share resources and collaborate on solutions.

The Hub launched in late January 2024. Learn more at <a href="https://www.ncuf.coop/finhealth-hub">www.ncuf.coop/finhealth-hub</a>

I'd like to thank my peers and congratulate the Foundation for joining together to support Financial Well-being for All and The FinHealth Hub. The FinHealth Hub offers invaluable resources and insights that help us achieve our collective goal of measuring the impact credit unions have on empowering financial confidence in every member.

Mike Valentine CEO BCU



## TOGETHER WE STRENGTHENED THE CREDIT UNION HEART



People take action when they care. They care when they understand the power of the credit union model to truly improve people's financial lives. The Foundation's programming and products inspired 2171 people and 729 organizations in 2023. Our suite of resources -- the Development Education™ program, our Exploring Why™ Workshops, and our impactful collaborations with credit unions and state credit union foundations -- inspire credit union professionals to leverage

cooperative principles that drive business decisions that start and end with the member.

We were honored and so thankful to collaborate with TruStage to bring our three in-person classes for 2023 to the Lighthouse in Madison. This state-of-theart building is a perfect venue to inspire credit union professionals to learn and apply cooperative principles for the betterment of members' lives.





With twenty-five years in our industry, I thought I may have evolved beyond participating in the DE program. After attending and graduating as a DE this October [best class ever!], I learned I was wrong! It was a week very well spent with new friends digging into the cooperative principles that bind cooperatives around the world. We are part of a world-wide effort to make the world better and CUDE is a reminder of that and serves to inspire us as we forge ahead.

Patty Corkery President / CEO Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates



At Metro CU, we are grounded in the philosophy of People Helping People. By offering the Foundation's Exploring Why Workshop and Empathy and Values training -- the Metro team has not only learned more about the credit union movement and history as well as the most impactful differences between credit unions and banks; employees have also expanded their own financial wellness while gaining important reminders on how and why the products and services we offer at Metro are so meaningful to our members.

Robert Cashman President / CEO Metro CU



In collaboration with GECU in El Paso, TX, we hosted an immersive Workshop for over 100 credit union professionals who have made it a strategic priority to serve the Hispanic population within their community. El Paso is a glimpse into one of the largest majority-Hispanic cities in the country with a population of more than 80% Hispanic. Attendees learned from each other and from experts serving the Hispanic population and went home armed with tools, ideas and resources.

Together we inspired each other by sharing the stories of modern-day credit union pioneers. The 2023 National Credit Union Foundation Dinner was the largest ever with a whopping 1,200+ joining us for food and celebration. Four credit union champions received the Herb Wegner Memorial Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement: Linda Bodie, Brian Branch, Bill Cheney, and Winona Nava.

Learn more about their stories here: <a href="www.ncuf.coop/">www.ncuf.coop/</a> resource/2023-herb-wegner-memorial-award-case-studies















At the National Credit Union Foundation Workshop in El Paso this October, we learned the human side of the story at the border. The workshop challenged us to think beyond product when engaging with the LatinX/Hispanic communities we serve. We discussed intentionality in community building and dove into cultural and demographic insights. We learned how critical it is for credit unions to be relevant in this market segment. We also talked about partnering with others for greater impact. So many great organizations (Inclusiv, Juntos Avanzamos, Coopera, NLCUP, and GECU) supported the National Credit Union Foundation in this incredible learning experience.

Cynthia Campbell Chief Operating Officer BALANCE



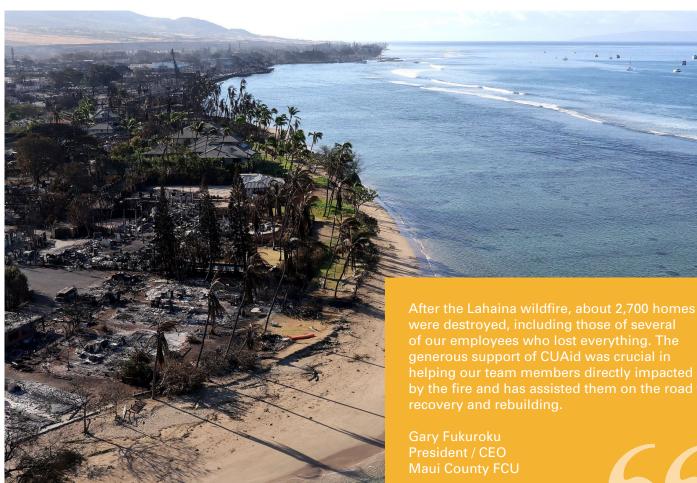
## TOGETHER

## WE MOBILIZED GENEROSITY



Our cooperative credit union system is like no other. When disaster strikes, we do our best to take care of our credit union colleagues so they can serve their members. Through the CUAid program, the Foundation can quickly mobilize generosity to help our credit union family get back on its feet when disaster strikes. While the number of natural disasters was fewer in 2023, the wildfire that destroyed Lahaina Town on Maui, brought an outpouring of support from credit unions nationwide. Together, we mobilized \$664,000 in relief dollars and have been working with the two credit unions – Valley Isle FCU and Maui County FCU – to help their employees recover as well as support operational needs to be able to serve members on Western Maui.



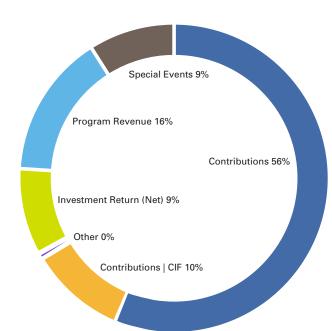


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### FINANCIALS

#### **REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES**

Contributions	\$3,464,318	56%
Contributions   CIF	\$652,964	10%
Special Events (Net)	\$567,236	9%
Program Revenue	\$932,161	16%
Investment Return (Net)	\$583,008	9%
Other	\$26,731	0%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$6,226,418	100%



#### PROGRAM EXPENSES & SUPPORTING SERVICES

#### **Program Expenses**

Disaster Relief	\$102,315	
Development Education	\$1,070,405	
CIF Grants and Outreach	\$744,810	
Financial Well-Being	\$350,213	
FinHealth	\$542,056	
Biz Kid\$	\$47,412	
Program Services	\$110,133	
Total Program Expenses	\$2,967,344	63%
Management /General	\$1,286,799	28%
Fundraising	\$421,306	9%
Total Expenses	\$4,675,449	100%

Management /General 28%

Total Program Expenses 63%
Fundraising 9%

Unrealized Gains from Investments \$487,266 Change in Net Assets \$2,038,235

Net Assets | Beginning of Year \$11,744,791 Net Assets | End of Year \$13,783,026

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**Brett Martinez** President & CEO Redwood CU

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