## Wisconsin Credit Union FOUNDATION 2014 Annual Report

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# our message



...is the principle by which we as credit unions improve the financial wellness of members and communities. It's a testament of what our collaboration through the Wisconsin Credit Union Foundation achieves.

As our Foundation improves financial literacy, promotes credit union development, educates credit union staff and volunteers and re-invests in the credit union system, we make Wisconsin a better place to live.

Many thanks to each member of our Annual Donor Fund Society, whose generosity helps achieve the tremendous "Good" described in this report. We couldn't do it without you!

Gratefully,

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Carol Adler, Chair

# your board



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# our mission

The Wisconsin Credit Union Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization that promotes the growth and health of credit unions and their communities.

### The Foundation's mission is to:

- Improve financial literacy across Wisconsin
- Promote credit union development through innovative REAL Solutions®
- Educate credit union staff and volunteers
- Support the credit union system in times of need

## improve financial literacy

### brass|Student Program

This personal finance classroom resource was provided free to any Wisconsin public high school that requested it. This program features a lifestyle money magazine, video lesson plans and online resources for teachers and students that support state teaching standards. The program was honored with the state's top financial literacy award.

## In 2014 **381 teachers**

## from 292schools



# 16,550magazines 19,280workbooks

# 1,473**DVDs**

I believe it is helping them to make confident choices about their money and their future. -Wisconsin Teacher



## promote credit union development

#### **REAL Solutions® Initiative Grants**

Grants support credit unions' efforts to help people of all ages and incomes:

- Save money and establish financial goals
- **Increase** their financial savvy
- Improve their creditworthiness
- Build wealth



#### 2014 Recipients

#### **Online Financial Education**

UnitedOne Credit Union purchased a video camera and software for an online financial education program with a social media component.

#### WEST CONSIN CREDIT UNION We belong to you."

#### Parent/Child Education Partnership

WESTconsin Credit Union partnered with a local Boys & Girls Club and university extension office to offer a family financial program that engages young people and their parents in financial learning, in part through grant-funded iPads.

#### **Credit Union Development Grant**

This grant helps fund the technology and operations-related expenses that measurably assist the credit union in serving members.

### 2014 Recipients

#### Multi-faceted Makeover

La Crosse Burlington Credit Union received a grant to help offset expenses related to an ACH audit, training, a website upgrade, start-up costs for credit bureau reporting, IT assistance, new member marketing packets and office updates.



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#### Improved Service Technology

Oshkosh Community Credit Union received a grant to help update software that enables mobile funds transfers, loan payments and loan applications.



#### **Computer Upgrade**

Southshore Credit Union received a grant to help replace five computers that hampered vendor connectivity.



#### **Phone Replacement**

Brokaw Credit Union received a grant to help update a phone system that was inhibiting loan approvals.



our mission



## educate credit union staff & volunteers

#### **Professional Development Scholarships**

These scholarships ensure that limited training budgets don't limit a credit union's potential to serve members. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, the impact of the program on the credit union and the applicant's involvement in and commitment to the movement.

#### 2014 CUNA Management School Scholarship Recipients



Since I did not work on the accounting side of the organization I had very little confidence when it came to ALM and ratios.

So my main reason to attend was to become better qualified to make the right decisions for our credit union as part of a 3-person executive management team.

Julie Binversie Premier Financial Credit Union



I stepped way out of my comfort zone by attending CUNA Management school and it changed me for the better.

I've learned new concepts that can be implemented within my credit union and have a renewed passion for our purpose, as well as the member experience.

Mary Moore Prime Financial Credit Union



Having been a controller I understood the financial side, but not so much the lending, crisis and risk aspects, until this experience.

By living with other enrollees on campus you form an attachment that goes far beyond your credit union, your chapter and even your state.

Josh Roberts Enterprise Credit Union

### 2014 Young Professional Development Scholarship Recipient



I want to reach out to the younger generation to inspire them to be more involved in the credit union movement by being members and credit union professionals.

**Jennifer Bauer** 

RiverWood-Maritime Credit Union, now Fox Communities Credit Union Attended 2015 fall DE\* Program

### 2014 Development Education Scholarship Recipient



The program is about getting out of your comfort zone and exploring the entirety of the... movement, starting at the core of what credit unions are and dissecting every aspect of what makes us a unique and necessary force in the financial world.

DE\* took everything I thought I knew and flipped it upside down.

Nilsa Gebert FOCUS Credit Union



\*The Credit Union Development Educator program is offered from the National Credit Union Foundation



## support the credit union system

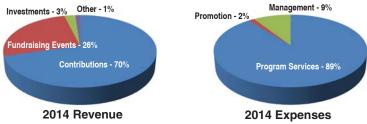
#### **Emergency Relief Grants**

These funds help credit unions affected by a natural disaster assist their members and communities. The grants reach affected areas with assistance from the National Credit Union Foundation and the World Council of Credit Unions.

No disbursements were made in 2014.

# financial summary

The Foundation had a total revenue of \$88,069 in 2014. Total expenses were \$86,409. Through careful management and generous contributions, the Foundation was able to fulfill its mission to serve credit unions through six grants, five scholarships and funding of the Brass Student Program.



# founders circle

A special thank you to all of our initial supporters who make up the Founder's Circle.

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Blackhawk Community Credit Union | Mary Bliss | Cari Thompson | Dan Wollin

### partners

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### donors

*Credit unions donating less than \$100, credit union partners donating less than \$100 and individuals donating less than \$50.* 

Northeastern Chapter of Credit Unions | Jennifer Esser | Linda Hale | Chris Henzig Rudy Pereira | Sarah Wainscott | Mary Wichman



## thank you

# how you can help our mission

### annual fund donor society

Make a personal or corporate gift and be part of our Annual Fund Donor Society

### fundraisers

Throughout the year we have a number of fundraising opportunities such as:

- Ca\$h calendars in December
- Bucket raffle during The League's annual convention
- The League Invitational Golf Outing in the Fall

### memorials & tributes

What better way to connect the "People Helping People" philosophy to your colleagues and friends than through a gift to the charitable organization dedicated to helping Wisconsin credit unions help others.

### community investment fund (CIF)

The CIF is an investment vehicle allowing credit unions to support the National Credit Union Foundation and state foundations, including ours in Wisconsin. The CIF provides almost two-thirds of the funding for key programs benefiting credit unions, their members, and the communities they serve.

Credit unions opening a CIF deposit account can designate 50%, 75% or even 100% of the interest income earned on the account to be automatically donated to NCUF in support of national and state-level community development programs.

## apply for a grant or scholarship, use financial ed resources

Remember to take advantage of the scholarships and grants available to your and your credit union. Also make sure that your financial education program is using The Foundation's resources to help make it a success. These resources are here for you.

### spread the word

We rely on fundraising efforts from credit unions on behalf of The Foundation. If you're holding an event or activity, please consider having a portion of the proceeds benefit The Foundation. Some ideas are:

- Casual day at work
- Bake sale
- Car wash

If someone you know could benefit from The Foundation's services, please urge them to get in touch.



contact us for more information or how to get involved

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# thank you for lending a helping hand



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