

### <u>our message</u>



...is a strategy by which individuals, communities and economies grow stronger through credit unions' influence on their financial wellness. The Wisconsin Credit Union Foundation plays a key role in driving this effort.

By improving financial literacy, promoting credit union development, educating credit union staff and volunteers and re-investing in the credit union system, The Foundation is indeed a powerful force for good.

Since The Foundation was founded in 2007, nearly \$1 million has been given to credit unions and their communities. What an impressive force for good! This has been achievable only because of each member of our Annual Donor Fund Society – thank you!

Gratefully,

Carol Adler, Chair

## your board



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#### **Our Mission**

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

Our 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

Since its inception in 2007, The Foundation has given out:

- \$38,000 in scholarships to 23 people
- \$82,500 in grants to 24 credit unions
- \$781,829 in financial literacy initiatives
- \$13,500 in credit union disaster support

Nearly \$1 million going directly back to the credit union system and Wisconsin communities!!!

Working together we can achieve so much.

## 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.





## 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

#### **Hands-on Financial Education**

STAR Credit Union in Madison received a grant to hire additional student tellers and present a negotiating opportunity to students seeking higher salaries for their service to young savers at the Boys & Girls Club. The young tellers create a budget for the income they earn, learn cash-handling and time management skills, balance a cash drawer and benefit from career coaching. Because the in-club savings program makes no income from fees or loan interest, the grant helped to reward long-term employees and bring new student learners on board.



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

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

#### **Security Upgrade**

Oshkosh Truck Credit Union received a grant to cover EMV upgrade costs, which improves data security for debit card transactions and reduces the potential for fraud.

Oshkosh Truck Credit Union

#### **Technology Updates**

Tri-County Credit Union received a grant to help purchase a check scanner, computer, monitor, printers and receipt printers, resolving check printing errors and confusing receipts for members.





## 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.

#### 2015 CUNA Management School Scholarship Recipients



"Many of the concepts I learned have helped me through the transition from Compliance Officer to President. The experience has prepared me to lead my credit union to a strong future as a competitive small credit union."

**Nicole Christiansen-Zabler** 

Racine Municipal Employees Credit Union



"The program has helped me grow in my position from all angles. The courses challenge your thoughts and habits to become a better leader and the projects and presentation put your learning to the test. The people I met I know I can always reach out to with any problem. It has been one of the best experiences of my career."

Amanda Ferwerda

Dane County Credit Union

#### 2015 Young Professional Development Scholarship Recipient



"[CUNA's Regulatory Compliance School] covered all aspects of credit union compliance from deposits, consumer lending, NCUA regulations and requirements, mortgage lending, to operations. I have made life-long friends and gained a wealth of knowledge from our industry's top leaders in compliance. I can't wait to develop a comprehensive compliance training program...."

Janelle Woggon

Governmental Employees Credit Union Credit Union

#### 2015 Development Education Scholarship Recipient



"[The DE Program\* helps recipients] continue credit unions' social responsibility to our community and be an advocate for credit unions locally and beyond."

**Katie Karls** 

Premier Financial Credit Union



# 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.

\$500 was disbursed to the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) for Nepal Earthquake Relief efforts.

# financial summary

The Foundation had a total revenue of \$97,200 in 2015. Total expenses were \$54,252. Through careful management and generous contributions, the Foundation was able to fulfill its mission to serve credit unions through three grants, four scholarships and funding of the Brass Student Program.





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## founders circle

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

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## 2015 annual fund donor society

### philanthropists

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### partners

Credit unions donating \$1,000-\$2,499, credit union partners donating \$500-\$999, and individuals donating \$200-\$299.

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# 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 Calendar raffle 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 investing in the CIF receive 50% of the dividend of their investment. The remaining 50% is shared equally between the state and national credit union foundations.

### 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.





thank you for working together to achieve so much



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