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## A VIEW FROM THE BOARD ROOM

### The DCUC Honors Your Commitment

*Gordon A. Simmons,  
1st Vice Chairman, DCUC Board  
President/CEO, Service Credit Union, NH*

Your Council has been an effective representative and valuable resource for all defense related credit unions since it was founded in 1963. The DCUC has successfully waged many battles on your behalf over the years, ensuring that your cumulative voice was heard by the right people at the Pentagon, DFAS and command levels. But it could not have been done without you, your support and your efforts.

It is only appropriate that the Defense Council introduced a Hall of Honor in order to recognize our heroes since the founding of the Council and beyond who have given inordinate support to the DCUC, its member credit unions or, in general, made significant contributions to the defense credit union movement. Many have been honored since the Hall of Honor's inception and for good reason. The founding fathers were first to be enshrined, whom without there would be no Defense Council. They were instrumental in 1957-1962 in organizing the precursor to the DCUC, which culminated in founding the Defense Credit Union Council. The Council's first meeting was held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC on Thursday, September 19, 1963. The Council's founders were followed by many other fine defense credit union

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## CEO UPDATE

### Truly None Better!

*Roland A. "Arty" Arteaga, President/CEO, DCUC*

As fate would have it, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour I was undergoing a security check at the Frankfurt airport. While the added security measures (to gain reentry into the good old USA) in and of themselves did not bother me, I thought it ironic that my counterpart, Andy Egeland, President/CEO of the Association of Military Bankers of America and I were undergoing this screening process on Veteran's Day. Talk about a realty check...who would have guessed? Two vets with more than 60 years of active duty service between them are being "wanded" and checked prior to entering the gate area. Times have changed! In fact, over the past several years, "change" has been the constant. Two constants, however, have not changed — our troops and DCUC members.

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But so do you! While your mission and work environment differs significantly from that of our military, your philosophy...your principles...your values...your standards... your commitment to serve (the Nation's finest) have been steadfast for decades. You have supported the Department of Defense, and in particular our military personnel and their families, since 1928. For over 75 years, you have served your respective commands



*Roland A. Arteaga*

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Left to right: Carol Scott, Chapter Executive, York-Poquoson Red Cross, Heather Livingston, Chapter Executive Hampton Roads Chapter Red Cross, Adrian G. "Casey" Duplantier, Jr. President/CEO 1st Advantage FCU, Carolyn Latoski, Chapter Executive Colonial Virginia Red Cross, and Jim Goltry, Chapter Development Colonial Virginia Red Cross. Photo provided by 1st Advantage

## 1st Advantage Helped Raise Over \$200,000 for American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Fund

*Mj Dawley, Community Outreach Coordinator*

Once again, Peninsula residents stepped up to the plate, to the tune of \$205,614, to help Gulf States residents affected by Hurricane Katrina. Maybe it was the memories of their own brush with Hurricane Isabel that came rushing back, or the constant news coverage. Throughout September, 1st Advantage FCU partnered with local American Red Cross chapters to raise money for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. To encourage donations from the community, 1st Advantage matched contributions up to \$75,000.

Donations came from many different sources. Hilton Elementary School students and staff donated \$1,313.00. Students willingly gave up snack money, allowances and their savings for the cause. Hampton Roads Academy and Country Day School each donated \$1,000 through 1st Advantage. They made additional donations directly to the American Red Cross. Leftover Mardi Gras beads from a past trip to New Orleans became more than just souvenirs for Country Day School student Reagan White—he sold them at lunch and collected \$500 to donate.

John Hollenbeck, a Boy Scout from Troop 180 in Williamsburg set out to raise donations to earn his Eagle Scout Award. Over one weekend, Hollenbeck held a series of car washes (one was held at the Credit Union's New Town branch) and raised over \$6,000. The York County Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club of Grafton each donated \$2,000. Members of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the International Special Events Society donated \$1,625. By far, the largest group of donations came from the residents and staff of Williamsburg Landing. In just nine days, they collected an astounding \$44,710.00.

After combining the individual contributions 1st Advantage received and the matching donation, 1st Advantage President and CEO, Adrian "Casey" Duplantier, Jr., presented a check for \$205,614 to the American Red Cross. Duplantier, a New Orleans native, witnessed the destruction firsthand, as he was visiting relatives down in the area when the storm struck. "The Red Cross truly appreciates 1st Advantage's help in raising funds for the Disaster Relief Fund," said Hampton Roads Chapter CEO, Heather Livingston. She continued, "Hurricane Katrina and Rita presented monumental service delivery needs and Red Cross chapters nation-wide have responded in turn. Locally, we've assisted over 625 evacuee families and we've sent over 60 trained volunteers to help directly in the affected Gulf States. We've heard from donors that they gave their contributions specifically through 1st Advantage because the Credit Union offered to stretch their donation by matching contributions to disaster relief. Thank you again for the extraordinary help 1st Advantage made possible through their campaign."

visionaries and leaders, who helped to further shape the current form of our very movement. These heroes' accomplishments included long term directorships on the DCUC board; Presidential appointments; Chairmanships and board members on other trade groups' boards and the NCUA; involvement in their local military communities; ensuring that Defense Credit Unions overseas were well represented and that their interests and issues were addressed and involvement in political activities that aided in passing legislation favorable to credit unions. Yes, their legacy is their defense of the rights and fulfilling the needs of Defense Credit Unions and their members throughout the United States. It is also important to note that the vast majority, if not all, of these heroes served their country in our Armed Forces. They knew what our troops needed and how to serve those needs.

I must admit, that I was somewhat surprised when reviewing the Hall of Honor roll call that of the 22 inductees to date, that I knew or know 11 personally and they were all great leaders in their time, or still are great leaders. Let's take a moment to pay all Hall of Honor members homage. I salute all of these heroes and look to the future for those who will follow in their footsteps. It could be you.

## DCUC Hall of Honor

### 2000 Inductees

#### (Founding Fathers)

**Jerry Anchors** (Pen Air FCU)

Verner Porath

(Olmstead FCU/SAC FCU)

**Richard Grant** (Pease Air Force Base

FCU/Service CU)

**Robert Schaffner** (Fort Knox FCU)

**Ray Tesdahl** (Great Lakes CU)

LTC (R) **George Jones** (Marine Corp  
Schools FCU/MCB FCU)

COL (R) **George E Myers**

(DCUC Executive Secretary)

### 2001 Inductees

**VADM Vince Lascara** (Navy FCU)

**Mildred Hodgins** (Seymour Johnson  
FCU/North Carolina

Community FCU)

**Eugene Ball** (Pentagon FCU)

**Robert Robbins** (Mid-Missouri CU)

**Alvin George** (North Island Financial  
CU/North Island CU)

### 2002 Inductees

**Rodney Brock** (Service CU)

**Leo Pike** (Fort Knox FCU)

**Robert Scott** (1st Liberty FCU)

**John Madri** (Global CU)

### 2003 Inductees

**Paul Norton** (SAC FCU)

**Robert Hopper** (Fort Sill FCU)

### 2004 Inductees

**Ludovico L. DeCarlo**

(Pacific Marine CU)

**Michael Cascone** (VyStar CU)

### 2005 Inductees

**James Bright** (Scott CU)

**Preston "Bill" Ezell** (Pen Air FCU)

## Report On the George E. Myers Fund

**T**he 2005 White House Christmas ornaments are going fast — order yours now so you can receive it before Christmas. The ornaments make a great gift or a great keepsake for you. This is a fundraiser for the GEM Scholarship Fund. The cost is still only \$20, which includes shipping and handling.

The 2005 White House ornament honors President James A. Garfield, a preacher, educator, soldier, and politician. The last of the log cabin presidents, he attacked political corruption and restored a measure of prestige the presidency had lost during the Reconstruction period. A picture of the ornament, ordering information and an order form are at [www.d cuc.org](http://www.d cuc.org), click on the box for the 2005 White House Ornament. Please make checks payable to the National CU Foundation—GEM Fund. To order by credit card (VISA or MasterCard only), please include the account number, name on the card, expiration date, and account address if different from delivery address (no P. O. Box address for delivery).

## Aberdeen Proving Ground FCU Announces Two New Branches

*Desiré Phelps, Marketing  
Communications Specialist*

**A**berdeen Proving Ground FCU has announced construction plans for two new service branches in Havre de Grace and Elkton.

Construction plans for a full service branch in Havre de Grace will better serve its existing and growing membership. The branch will be located in a new shopping center on Lewis Lane and Route 40, across from the existing branch, and will include the added services of lobby tellers and drive-up lanes. All operations at the current Havre de Grace location will move to a full service mobile branch with tellers. The new Havre de Grace branch is expected to open late summer of 2006.

Aberdeen Proving Ground FCU has also announced construction plans for a new, full service branch in Elkton. The new branch will be located on the south side of Route 40, just above the new Wal-Mart and close to the Delaware State Line. All operations at the current Elkton branch will move to the new and larger facility when completed to better serve existing and growing membership.

The location will include lobby tellers, Member Service Representatives, safety deposit boxes and ATMs. It will also have enhanced drive-up teller and ATM lanes. The new Elkton branch will open in mid-summer of 2006.

## Support Your Soldiers

Did you spend Veteran's Day sleeping in and watching *Dr. Phil*? Win back those karma points at **TREATS FORTROOPS.com**, which sells and sends care packages to soldiers. Options include fudge, cookies, caramel corn, taffy, cards, and a two-hour phone card. If you don't know anyone in the service, the company will match you with a soldier who could use some holiday cheer.



Left to right: Joanne Batson, Executive Director of the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank, Joey Rothgery, Executive Director of the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross and Carl Ratcliff, President and CEO of ABNB FCU. Photo provided by ABNB

## ABNB Raises \$60,000 for the American Red Cross

*Madeline Busch, Director of Marketing*

**A**BNB FCU and its members across Hampton Roads responded to the Katrina emergency in generous fashion, raising \$60,000 for the American Red Cross and collecting over 5,000 lbs. of food to help replenish the pantry at the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank, which was depleted in order to help evacuees. Half of the money was donated by members and the rest was a match from the credit union, which stepped up earlier this year in a partnership with First Advantage CU to raise \$200,000 to assist victims of the Tsunami in Asia.



## DCUC's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference is Moving to Texas!

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, DCUC needed to secure a new location for DCUC 2006.

### Good News!

The 2006 Defense Credit Union Council Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Home of the Alamo, the famed "Paseo del Rio," better known as the River Walk, Fort Sam Houston, and Market Square (the largest Mexican marketplace outside of Mexico), San Antonio is a city filled with history and tradition blending cultures of Native Americans, Old Mexico, Germans, African-Americans, the deep South, and the Wild West. Close to 20 million visitors a year delight in the discovery of San Antonio — we hope you can be one of them in 2006!

**New Location:**  
Marriott San Antonio RiverCenter  
**New Dates:**  
August 6-9, 2006

**Mark your calendars today and plan to join us for another terrific conference!**

Registration materials will be available early in 2006.

## Navy Federal Members Donate \$491,605 to Katrina Victims

*Susan Brooks, Public Relations*

**C**utler Dawson, President/CEO of Navy FCU, provided Admiral Steve Abbott, USN (Ret), President/CEO Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, a check for \$491,605 on behalf of Navy FCU's 2.6 million members. The funds are to assist Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families as they try to rebuild their lives after Hurricane Katrina.

"This tragedy was made even worse because many of the people affected have loved ones serving their country around the world," said Cutler Dawson. "It makes me proud to be part of an organization whose members respond to the needs of others by contributing wholeheartedly to charitable organizations like the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society."

In accepting the check, Admiral Abbot said, "The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is grateful for this significant charitable gift from members of the Navy FCU. Their benevolence, and the financial support from individuals and organizations across America, enables the Society's staff to meet the needs of hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. Thus far, we've provided nearly \$2 million in emergency financial aid to more than 4,500 service members and their families."

Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private non-profit charitable organization. It is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world. The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, education and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds for these programs.

Navy FCU employees also dropped their spare change into a coin machine located in the cafeteria. The money collected by the coin machine dubbed 'Coins for Katrina' totaled \$1,603.53. The funds will be used to assist those Navy FCU employees in the Gulf Coast area directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

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and DoD personnel — not because you had to...not because you needed to, but rather, because you wanted to! Daily you address the financial readiness concerns of our troops, assisting them as need be and sustaining their financial well-being. And as you have for seven decades plus, you do so by developing the right products and services...producing special incentives... and creating programs that accommodate the basic financial needs of our troops. Low interest credit cards... low interest loans...higher interest savings...short-term loans...alternatives to payday lending...free financial education and counseling...utility guarantee programs...early paydays...MWR and command support. Serving the low and moderate income? Trust me, no one does it better nor more consistently than defense credit unions!

As I stated upfront, there are two constants in today's world...our troops and our on-base credit unions. As we enter the holiday season, on behalf of DCUC's Board of Directors and our staff, we would like to extend our utmost appreciation to our troops and to our members for their efforts daily. Truly none better!

## DoD DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...in support of DoD, the Security and Exchange Commission continues its reviews of companies that sell variable life insurance products and/or securities on military installations. While some of our overseas and stateside members have been alerted and subjected to the SEC's "examination," from what we know, nothing of major significance has developed or been reported by the SEC to DoD. The one note of interest (for those selling variable insurance products and/or securities) that has surfaced: ensure your agents are not only registered with their respective regulatory agencies, but also are approved by the installation commander to sell their products on base.

...the DoD ID card proponent office continues to support our efforts to issue the Teslin identification card to our overseas on-base credit unions for base access and individual logistical support. A recent message from Major Taylor, our Army Liaison, suggests there is "light at the end of the tunnel." Once approved for overseas, we will ask that the Teslin card also be issued stateside.

...the much anticipated Banking and Credit Union Liaison is in the final stages of review. We were pleased to hear that the majority of DCUC's earlier input/recommendations met with the approval of our Military Department liaisons, and as such, look forward to reviewing the final draft in the near future.

...during the past month, DCUC had the opportunity to brief the new Deputy Director for DFAS, Brigadier General Belinda Pinckney, the Commander of US Army Finance Command, Colonel Richard Shrank, and the new Credit Union/Banking Liaison for the Department of Air Force, Mr. Mike Bilbrey. In all cases, the interest and support provided by each individual was both excellent and meaningful. We look forward to working with these key leaders in the days ahead, and thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to learn about DCUC and defense credit unions.

## Armed Forces Financial Network Update

### AFFN Makes a Donates to Fisher House

*John Broda, AFFN Executive Vice President*

Service CU hosted David Weber, President/CEO of Armed Forces Financial Network (AFFN), Roland A. Arteaga, President/CEO of Defense Credit Union Council (DCUC), and Andrew M. Egeland, Jr., President/CEO of Association of Military Banks of America (AMBA). DCUC and AMBA, organizations comprised of defense credit unions and military banks serving military installations worldwide, are co-owners of AFFN.

While visiting local financial institutions and major European Headquarters, Weber, Arteaga, Egeland, along with Richard Tolle, Senior Vice President of Service CU for Overseas Operations, visited the Fisher House in Landstuhl. AFFN President/CEO David Weber made a donation to Fisher House, on behalf of all AFFN participants, to help with holiday meals for the families that will be staying in the Fisher House over the holidays. AFFN and Service CU are supporters of the Fisher House and the families they serve.



*Left to right: Andrew Egeland (AMBA), David Weber (AFFN), Stacy Thomas (Fisher House) (Rear) Richard Tolle (Service Credit Union) and Roland Arteaga (DCUC). Photo provided by AFFN*



Celebrating the grand opening of new FSFCU branch at 2 NE 22nd are, front, from left: Cindy Collins, vice-president of branch operations; Denise Floyd, chief executive officer; Robert Hopper, chairman of the board; and the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce Redcoat Ambassadors. Photo provided by Fort Sill FCU

## Fort Sill FCU Has a New Home in Lawton

*Marita Barwick, Director of Marketing*

**F**ort Sill FCU officially has a new home in east Lawton. The credit union, which had operated a branch at 1902 E. Gore Blvd for the past 22 years, moved into a new and improved building at 2 N.E. 22nd Street recently with a grand opening celebration.

The new location houses 8,200 square feet, more than twice as much as the old building. Denise Floyd, the credit union's chief executive officer, said the extra space allowed moving its computer operations department and call center into the new site.

A new addition is drive-through lanes, which the former location did not have. Floyd said the drive-through lanes feature remote video connections with drivers, which allows members a better look at the people they are dealing with. There is also a separate ATM lane. The credit union bought the property in 1982, Floyd said, but did not decide the time was right to build until last year.

"We knew we wanted to eventually, but it just took us a while to say, "Let's build," she said. The credit union has five locations, two at Fort Sill and three in Lawton.

## Fort Belvoir FCU Contributes \$3,000 to Army Family Team Building

*Jacqueline R. C. Connor, Vice President, Marketing and Business Development*

**F**ort Belvoir FCU donated \$1,500 to Army Family Team Building on Fort Belvoir. Armed Forces Financial Network (AFFN) matched this donation providing a combined contribution of \$3,000.

Army Family Team Building is a program designed to improve overall military readiness by advancing personal and family preparedness. This is accomplished through training classes, which help family members adapt to change and become more self-reliant. Army Family Team building offers programs for spouses who are new to the military, are involved in the unit and community and want to learn for personal growth, and want to improve their leadership skills.



Photo provided by Hanscom FCU

## Hanscom Board Member Walks for the Jimmy Fund

*Patricia Warden Conty, Marketing Analyst*

**R**ay T. Phillips, Hanscom FCU board member and Boston Marathon runner, and his patient partner, ten-year-old Andy Martin, Jr., raised funds for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at the 17th Annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Ray and Andy were sponsored by Hanscom FCU along with others.

The walk is the only event other than the Marathon that is authorized to use the historic route. "It was inspiring to walk the second half of the course with Andy," Phillips said. "He did very well, using several modes of transportation, finishing on his new Segway."

Over 6,000 participants are expected to earn more than \$4.75 million by year's end. Funds will support Dana Farber's world-renowned cancer research and treatment facilities.

**For information on Defense Credit Unions and Hurricane Katrina, go to [www.dcuc.org](http://www.dcuc.org) and click on the scrolling marquee.**

## Service CU Makes Largest Single Contribution to New Hampshire Families Affected by Flooding

*Donation Commended  
by Governor Lynch*

*Nancy Layton, Marketing Manager*

Gordon Simmons, President/CEO of Portsmouth-based Service CU, presented a \$125,000 contribution from the credit union to the Salvation Army to help provide emergency assistance for the families affected by the severe flooding in southwestern New Hampshire. The check was presented at the State House in Concord. Governor Lynch led the event by acknowledging both the good work of the Salvation Army and commending Service CU on their donation to directly help the impacted communities.

“It is everyone’s responsibility in our state to come to the aid of New Hampshire communities when disaster strikes. Service CU is proud to help our fellow citizens to ensure that they obtain the necessities they require so that they may recover from this disaster as quickly as possible,” says Gordon Simmons, President/CEO of Service CU.

“Our philosophy is that of ‘people helping people’ and while we practice that every day in dealing with our members’ financial needs, it does not stop there,” continues Gordon Simmons, President/CEO. “We are genuinely concerned for the welfare of all New Hampshire citizens.



*Left to right: Gordon Simmons, President/CEO Service Credit Union; Captain Travis Delong, Keene Salvation Army; Captain Wendy Kountz, Concord Salvation Army; and NH Governor John Lynch. Photo provided by Service CU*

We want to be there for them when they need us. The Salvation Army has guaranteed that our entire contribution will be used to directly meet the needs of those in the flood-stricken areas of our state. I encourage the corporations of New Hampshire and fellow citizens not affected by this disaster to make generous contributions to the New Hampshire Salvation Army.”

“I applaud Service CU, and citizens and businesses across our state, for their generosity in helping our fellow citizens recover from the recent floods. This is the worst natural disaster in New Hampshire in most of our memories. The lives of some of our fellow citizens have been devastated,” Gov. Lynch said. “I know all of us in New Hampshire are committed to helping them recover.”

“The \$125,000 contribution from Service CU is the largest single donation I have ever received.” says Captain Flanders, Executive Director of the Portsmouth Salvation Army office. “It is extremely generous and is very heartwarming when people see a situation and proactively step up, such as Service CU has done.”

“100% of this contribution will immediately be put towards critical needs within the communities impacted, such as food, clothing and furniture,” says Captain Flanders. The check was accepted on behalf of the Salvation Army by Captain Travis DeLong, who has been working directly with the impacted communities in the Keene area, and Captain Wendy Kountz from Concord, who has also been directly involved in the community support efforts.



*Left to right: Fort Carson Garrison Commander, Col. Mike Resty, Jr., Command Sergeant Major, Joseph Van Dyke, (front) and SSFCU Chairman of the Board, Max Giovannini. Photo provided by Security Service FCU*

## SSFCU Contributes \$25,000 to the Carson House

*Helping Families of Injured and Ailing Soldiers be Near Their Loved Ones*

*John Worthington, SVP of Corporate Communications*

Security Service FCU’s Chairman of the Board of Directors, Max Giovannini, presented senior leadership officials from Fort Caron Army Post with a \$25,000 donation to help support the new Carson House — a facility designed to provide living accommodations at no cost to the families of injured or ailing soldiers. The donation was presented during the recent grand opening of the credit union’s eighth Colorado service center located in Fountain. The Carson House is the only facility located in close proximity to the Army Post hospital.

# Travis Credit Union Sponsors Pilot At Travis Air Expo 2005

*Lila Dressen, Marketing*

**T**ravis CU sponsored stunt pilot, Bill Cornick and his “Super” Pitts S-2C as a featured flight demonstration, in Travis Air Force Base’s Air Expo 2005, at Travis Air Force Base. The event was free to the public and the sponsorship is just part of Travis CU’s ongoing affiliation with Travis Air Force Base—a relationship which has spanned more than half a century.

“We’re proud to have Travis CU as a commercial partner in Air Expo 2005,” said Capt. Lindsay Logsdon, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs, 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base. “The Air Expo is about thanking the community that continues to support Travis AFB and we’re fortunate that local institutions like Travis CU have joined us to make this exciting event possible.”

Mr. Cornick began flying in the U.S. Air Force in 1953. Unofficially named the “Grandad of Professional Aerobatics” he began performing in air shows in 1980

and has thrilled crowds at numerous air shows throughout the western United States. He smoothly flies his custom designed “Super” Pitts S-2C through an incredible series of inverted flat spins, multiple snap rolls, torque rolls, lomcevak, the “pin-wheel” double hammerhead, and low-level knife-edge flight. These and many other spectacular aerobatic maneuvers are choreographed to music to provide maximum entertainment with competition precision and the highest level of safety.

The USAF Thunderbirds and the USAFA Wings of Blue skydiving team also performed. The Expo also included a B-2 Spirit multi-role bomber and F-117A Nighthawk, in addition to ground displays of several military and vintage aircraft, there were demonstrations by the California National Guard Air Assault Team and the Travis Security Forces Canine Unit. “Travis CU continues to support our long-standing affiliation



Photo provided by Travis Cu

with Travis Air Force Base’s Air Expo,” said Patsy Van Ouwerkerk, Travis CU’s president and CEO. “Members from Travis Air Force Base are the foundation of this credit union. As we continue to grow, Travis CU remains loyal to the original institution that made it all possible.”

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