

News Release

Innovator of the Affinity Group Credit Union Model Retires

Affinity Group Credit Union President and CEO Thomas Miller announces his plans to retire. “We must encourage our next generation of Credit Union leaders to take us to the top of the financial industry by building a new CU legacy, creating new CU business models, CUSOs, and trade associations that support & embrace our collective voices.” Miller goes onto say, “Behind me has been the most creative, hard working and dedicated staff that any CEO could ever wish for, they are responsible for the wind beneath my wings.”

Miller gave his retirement date as March 31st, 2011. On this day he will have been with Municipal & Health Services Credit Union a part of Affinity Group Credit Union for more than 20 years, serving as President and CEO.

“In the last two decades, with Tom at the helm, Affinity Group CU has focused its efforts and resources on providing excellent value to his credit union’s membership, continually evolving to meet the ever-changing financial needs of the members,” said Ann Marie Miller retired credit union executive and Tom’s wife.

The credit union’s numerous projects reflect its commitment to serve its members and employees. Among these projects:

- Created a unique new age business model for credit unions, known today as Affinity Group CU a partnership approach to mergers that allows credit unions to maintain their name, identity and facilities to name just a few benefits.
- One of the principal founders of Mortgage Center L.L.C. a Mortgage Lending CUSO located in Michigan, ranked as one of the top performing mortgage Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSO) in the country.
- Tom pioneered the first shared ATM networks for credit unions in Michigan
- Tom created CU Partner Solutions a CUSO whose business purpose is to engage in activities that will have a positive impact on growth and operating expenses for members of the CUSO and its affiliates.
- Tom was the Director of EFT Services for the Michigan Credit Union League for five years.

“Tom has provided the organization with over 20 years of extraordinary leadership,” said Carma Peters, Executive Vice President. “During his tenure he provided the strategic vision we needed to advance the credit union and provide our members the availability of the products and services our communities deserve.”

Under Tom's leadership, Affinity Group also received several commendations and awards, including:

- 2010 Credit Union Professional Award, Michigan Credit Union League
- 2010 CU*Answers Bob McKay award for outstanding leadership
- 2009 NACUSO Award – CU Partner Solutions runner up

Tom has 37 years of experience in the credit union industry. He has served as a member of the Board for Mortgage Center, CU Partner Solutions, Affinity Group Services CUSO, the Pontiac Police and Fire Pension Board and the Oakland County Chapter of Credit Unions. Tom is also a proud former US Marine that served our country during the Vietnam War.

Tom and his wife, Ann Marie, plan to stay located in Michigan but look forward to doing a lot of travelling and spend time with friends and family.

About Affinity Group Credit Union

Affinity Group Credit Union is a member owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving our members who live, work, worship, attend school, or own a business in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Livingston Counties. AGCU is committed to providing quality financial services at a competitive price delivered in a professional and efficient manner, never forgetting to serve our member/owners.

In addition, Affinity Group Credit Union has ownership in a variety of CUSOs bringing a vast range of services to all of our partners. These collaborative relationships include:

- CU* Answers (www.cuanswers.com)
- Mortgage Center, LLC (www.mortgagecenter.com)
- Xtend, LLC (www.xtend.com)
- CU Partner Solutions (www.cupartnersolutions.com)

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