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## Minnesota credit union committees recognize key volunteers

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Credit Unions for Kids (MnCU4Kids) committee and Minnesota Family Involvement Council (FIC) recently honored two individuals for their contributions to their respective committees. Steve Oien of Minnco Credit Union and Bridget Moeller of Greater Minnesota Credit Union received their volunteer awards on April 9 at a banquet held in conjunction with the Minnesota Credit Union Network's (MnCUN's) 2011 Annual Meeting & Convention.



***During an Awards Banquet on April 9, Mark D. Cummins, MnCUN President & CEO, presented awards to Steve Oien (above), CU4Kids Volunteer of the Year, and Bridget Moeller (below), FIC Volunteer of the Year.***

Oien is President/CEO of Minnco Credit Union in Cambridge and has served in this capacity for nearly 20 years. He joined the MnCU4Kids committee in 2003 and was co-chair from 2004-2008. Oien received the Volunteer of the Year honor for his active involvement in the committee's golf tournament, Annual Meeting, and Bowl-O-Rama subcommittees, along with regular attendance at meetings and involvement in other activities. This is the third consecutive year Oien has received the MnCU4Kids Volunteer of the Year Award.

"I'm honored to receive this recognition and to be part of a committee that raises money for such a worthwhile cause," said Oien. "Through our efforts – and the efforts of credit unions around the state – we are able to directly help the kids and families at Gillette. Gillette is an amazing place, and I am proud to be part of their team of supporters."

Last year, Minnesota raised more than \$168,000 for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, which has outreach clinics around Minnesota. Nationally, fundraising for CU4Kids takes place in all 50 states.



Moeller, Vice President of Human Resources/Training at Greater Minnesota Credit Union in Mora, earned the Minnesota Family Involvement Council's Outstanding Volunteer Award for her service on the committee. Moeller joined the FIC in 2005 and has served as the Vice Chair since 2007.

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As a committee member, she plays an integral part on the committee, assisting in the coordination of its annual silent auction fundraiser and yearly scholarship competition. She also has been an instrumental part of the FIC's Start 2 Go subcommittee, which works to help credit unions develop strategic kids, teens and seniors clubs.

The FIC is a volunteer-based organization run by credit union professionals. Its mission is to enhance the future of the credit union movement by providing financial awareness solutions. With a focus on providing scholarships to Minnesota credit union members, FIC nurtures the symbiotic relationship between credit unions and youth. The recipient of this annual award is voted on by members of the council.

“The FIC is an incredible team of individuals dedicated to financial awareness, and I am honored to be recognized by them,” said Moeller. “The committee’s passion and dedication to helping nurture relationships between credit unions and members has a significant impact on the movement. I am proud to be part of this amazing team.”

“The strength of the credit union movement lies in people like Steve and Bridget who dedicate their time and resources to putting the credit union philosophy into action,” said Rachel Anderson, MnCUN Director of Communications and MnCU4Kids and FIC liaison. “They are both passionate about and dedicated to their respective causes and very deserving of the accolades they received.”

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