

FORUM

Spring 2026

A Quarterly Newsletter for Members of Hartford Federal Credit Union

Dear Members

Back in 1990, the Credit Union's Board of Directors took a chance on an untested 28-year-old CPA to lead their organization as President & CEO. I never imagined that, 36 years later, I would be writing a farewell message as I prepare to retire.



It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve this Credit Union and the people who make it special. Our staff are among the most dedicated and caring professionals you will ever meet. Every day they work hard to help members succeed and strengthen the

communities we serve. I have also had the honor of working with an outstanding Board of Directors whose thoughtful leadership and commitment to our mission have guided the Credit Union through decades of growth and change.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal, and the Credit Union is financially stronger than at any time in our 64-year history. That strength is reflected in our 5-Star "Superior" rating from *BauerFinancial, Inc.*, which we have earned for 34 consecutive years, placing us in the top 5 percent of credit unions nationwide. This distinction underscores our commitment to financial strength, stability, and exceptional member service. We have also expanded the ways we support our

communities, including initiatives like *Hartford Federal Credit Union Gives*, through which we've donated nearly \$500,000 since 2023 to local charities providing essential services to those most in need. What makes me most proud, however, is our commitment to serving people of modest means. Few institutions our size, and even many larger ones, support their members and communities at the level our team does.

As I step away, I do so with great confidence in the future. My successor, Beth Mazza, is an outstanding professional with more than 20 years of credit union experience and serves as our Executive Vice President. She is a very talented and dedicated leader, and I know the Credit Union will continue to thrive under her leadership.

While my time here is coming to a close, my gratitude will last a lifetime. Thank you to our members, staff, and Board for the trust, support, and friendships that have meant so much to me. I will always be proud of what we built together and the difference this Credit Union continues to make.

With gratitude,



Expanding Into Litchfield County!

Hartford Federal Credit Union has received approval from the National Credit Union Administration to expand its service area! We can now offer membership to individuals with ties to **Hartford, Tolland, Middlesex, and the majority of Litchfield Counties.**

Beth Mazza, a Torrington native and HFCU's new CEO, noted, "We're excited to welcome new members from communities that already have strong ties to our branches. This expansion allows us to further support the financial well-being of individuals and families throughout the region."

We're ready to deepen our roots, build new relationships, and serve this community for years to come! Let your family and friends in Litchfield County know they can enjoy the same personalized service, competitive rates, and convenient banking you already rely on and trust.



2025 Annual Meeting

All Hartford Federal Credit Union members are invited to our Annual Meeting!

Please note this year's new venue.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 · 6:00 p.m.
The Village for Families & Children
Trumbull Robinson Auditorium
1680 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud to share that Kaci Stonier-Torres has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager at our Stafford branch!



Kaci's knowledge, leadership, and willingness to support others have made a positive impact on both staff and members. She consistently supports the HFCU team by assisting with training new employees and stepping in wherever help is needed. We're excited to see her expand her leadership and continue contributing in new ways!

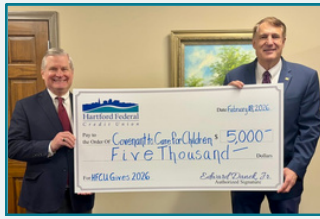
Employee of the Quarter



Fareaa Usman
Accounting Assistant

Fareaa exhibits outstanding dedication and initiative. She stepped in to ensure critical work continued to move forward during a period of transition and played a key role in training a new employee. Fareaa frequently assists other departments by researching issues and answering operational questions. Her reliability, strong work ethic, and collaborative mindset make her a true asset to our team. Thank you, Fareaa!

Making an Impact Together



During the first months of 2026, Hartford Federal Credit Union continued to focus on what matters most—serving our members and supporting the communities we call home. Our team was busy strengthening relationships, celebrating milestones, and finding new ways to make a positive impact. We're proud of the progress we've made together and grateful for the opportunity to continue giving back to the people and organizations that make our communities so special!



We started with **\$5,000** donations to Camp Courant, Fidelco, Mental Health Connecticut, and Covenant to Care for Children.

Just days after announcing that HFCU can serve residents throughout much of Litchfield County, we proudly donated **\$1,000** to the annual St. Jude Tim Driscoll Telethon in Torrington. CEO Beth Mazza and VP - Lending Racquel Pelow, both Torrington residents, attended the event and presented our donation.



South Windsor Branch Manager Alysha Wanczyk served on the planning committee and attended the **Greater Hartford Women's Conference** hosted by the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce. She was joined at the event by Emily Harriman, AVP - Marketing & Communications.

Hartford Assistant Branch Manager Basil Dyer met with young adults from the Culinary and Customer Service Job Training Program at **Forge City Works**, where he taught key financial topics and shared practical tips to help participants build strong financial habits.

Finally, we celebrated the **20th anniversary** of our South Windsor branch with a Business After Hours event hosted in partnership with the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce. The event brought together local business owners and community leaders for an evening of networking, connection, and celebration of two decades of service.



Hartford Federal Credit Union is the leading provider of high-quality financial products that delivers personalized service and value to strengthen the financial and general well-being of our members and the communities we serve.

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