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Local Credit Union Executive named Volunteer of the Year

Joliet, IL., April 24, 2009 – David Harris, Joliet credit union executive, recently received the 2008 Spirit of Service Volunteer of the Year award from the Illinois Credit Union League at its 79th annual convention in Chicago.

Jointly sponsored by the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) and ICUL Service Corporation, the Spirit of Service award recognizes the real unsung heroes -- credit union volunteers who contribute extraordinary efforts on behalf of their individual credit unions and communities. Harris was honored for demonstrating the credit union movement's "people helping people" philosophy as a board member and the long-standing chairman of the supervisory committee for NuMark Credit Union.

Harris focuses on due diligence and the best interests of the credit union, meeting regularly with the credit union's collection manager to review delinquency trends and providing monthly reports to the board. He also encourages staff at every annual meeting.

In addition, Harris helps NuMark stay current and connected with the community. The credit union's involvement with the Guardian Angel Home, a social service agency that serves 4,000 children, individuals and families through a variety of programs, is a cause near and dear to his heart.

Harris attends all meetings of the Will County Chapter of Credit Unions. After a recent presentation on REAL Solutions, he brought the program back to the staff. As a result, the credit union is now an active participant in this program, sharing experiences regarding youth financial literacy and partnering with the Center for Economic Progress to offer free tax preparation for low-income families.

Harris has gone above and beyond in helping NuMark Credit Union grow and thrive. NuMark CEO, Ann Dubie, has said that the credit union is very lucky to have such a dedicated board member who believes in, and lives by, the "people helping people" philosophy.

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“For all of these reasons, we are pleased to honor David Harris with this year’s Volunteer of the Year award,” said Dan Plauda, ICUL president/chief executive officer while presenting Harris with the award during the keynote and awards presentation at the convention.

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Note 1: The Illinois Credit Union League is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation, and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 423 credit unions in Illinois serving more than 2.7 million members.

Note 2: NuMark Credit Union is open to the community. NuMark has been helping to enrich the financial lives of their members for over 54 years. As a not-for-profit, full-service financial institution, and affiliated credit union of the ICUL, NuMark Credit Union offers a wide variety of convenient, affordable financial services to its 22,000 members. From birth to retirement, NuMark’s members can find a solution for all their financial needs including fun youth accounts; high-yielding savings accounts, CDs, and IRAs; convenient checking with interest; free online banking and bill pay; affordable auto and home equity loans; credit cards with rewards, low-cost mortgages, a wide-range of investment services, and versatile business services. Serving the Will, Kendall, Grundy, Kane, and parts of Cook, DuPage, and Kankakee Counties, NuMark Credit Union has three local offices in Joliet, Crest Hill, and Countryside. Learn more at www.numarkcu.org.