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**Area CEO elected into  
Credit Union Hall of Fame**

Kankakee, IL., May 5, 2009 – Janet Francoeur, CEO of Riverside Community Credit Union, was recently inducted into the Illinois Credit Union Hall of Fame at the Illinois Credit Union League's (ICUL) 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

Introduced in 1996, the Hall of Fame awards recognize individuals for lifetime achievements and leadership on behalf of the Illinois credit union movement. This year, Francoeur was the only individual honored with a lifetime achievement award.

For nearly 22 years, Francoeur has served the Kankakee Valley Chapter of Credit Unions holding the positions of secretary, treasurer and chairman at various times. She has volunteered to work at chapter community involvement projects including Child Safety Days, Shred Days, Salvation Army food drives, and identity theft seminars. Francoeur's hard work and dedication has helped make the Kankakee Valley Chapter well known and respected throughout the community.

Francoeur has also devoted the last seventeen years to helping make the ICUL and ICUL Service Corporation national leaders within the credit union movement. She has served on the boards of these organizations in various capacities. She is one of only a handful of women to ever serve as chairman. Francoeur has chaired the Annual Convention Committee, and served on the Credit Union Support Group, Executive, and Legislative committees. She is currently also a board member of the Illinois Credit Union Foundation. In each of these roles, she has served with pride, enthusiasm and dedication, all of which are attributed to being a strong leader.

Francoeur has also worked hard to make life better for credit union members in her community. She has worked for Riverside Community Credit Union for 23 years as CEO. She led the way for the credit union to receive a community charter, thereby extending the credit union's ability to serve more people.

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Francoeur further promotes the “people helping people” philosophy of credit unions by leading Riverside Community Credit Union in providing fundraising assistance to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cystic Fibrosis, the Arthritis Foundation, the Children’s Miracle Network, and the Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce.

“In all areas of her life, professional and personal, Janet has exemplified strong leadership, commitment and dedication to helping her members, the community at large, and the Illinois Credit Union League and its affiliates. She leads by example and is greatly admired by all those who have been touched by her. She has more than earned her place in the Illinois Credit Union Hall of Fame,” said Dan Plauda, ICUL president/chief executive officer.

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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:** Riverside Community Credit Union is an ICUL-affiliated credit union and was formed in 1976 by employees of Riverside Hospital. The credit union currently serves nearly 4,000 members and holds \$20 million in assets.