

A NOTE FROM LINDA

Last month, we held our 65th Virtual Annual Meeting. We welcomed close to 50 members to recap 2021 and preview what is to come for 2022. Thank you to all the members who were able to join us, and congratulations to all the raffle prize winners! With social distancing and everything now virtual, it is always nice to see the faces of our members who have supported us through the years.

Leading up to the Annual Meeting, we encouraged people to attend to hear a big announcement. Although we shared at the Annual Meeting, now it is time to share with all of our members.

It is with both sadness and happiness that I announce that after 37 years with **Upward Credit Union** and 24 years as CEO, I will be retiring. I cannot believe it has been that long and I have loved every minute of it. I have watched so many generations of families come through the credit union's doors. It makes me smile and grateful to know they have put their confidence in **Upward Credit Union**. I've attended weddings, baby showers, retirements, funerals; all the things you do for an extended family member. I can't say enough about our staff, as they

too have become like family. Of all the things I will miss, I will miss the people the MOST!

When I started at the credit union in 1985, we were about \$3M in assets. There were virtually no services, and we were in small offices, both across from Mills Hospital and on the ground floor of Peninsula Hospital. When the hospitals merged, the credit unions followed and there were 3 of us. No checking, credit cards, mortgage loans, etc. As of December 2021, we are now over \$100m in assets with 16 employees. We offer numerous digital services, while still providing personal service and putting the needs of our members first.

At our annual meeting, our Board Chair, Annie Miller, announced they have selected our current VP of Operations, Jason Mertz-Prickett as my successor. This will all be effective September 1, 2022. Look for more about Jason as well as some open houses to say goodbye and hello!

Keep Soaring with Upward and tell a friend!!! We grow, you grow!