# 2015 Annual Report





# Chairman's Report



Credit unions, whether you are a member or not, benefit all consumers. How? Because of our presence in the financial services industry, we have helped to drive down the cost for financial services. Competition forces companies to offer quality products and services, at a reasonable cost.

You can take comfort in knowing that unlike for-profit financial institutions, your Board of Directors serve on a volunteer basis and we do not profit from our service. We

on a volunteer basis and we do not profit from our service. We are looking out for your best interest. That is the credit union difference.

It is our responsibility to ensure that we have a capable, competent, qualified and trustworthy management team, which I am confident that we do. Because we, too, are members of this credit union, we have a stake in its future.

In addition to establishing policies and ensuring that the credit union adheres to pertinent laws, regulations and sound business practices, we are also charged with making sure new products and services are developed as needed.

Let me take this time to share with you the products and services that were initiated in 2015:

Over the last few years, we have focused on services that provide convenience for our membership. We want a robust, responsive

design website that can provide the capability to do anything online that can be accomplished at a branch. Our new Remote Deposit Capture service allows you to make a deposit via your cell phone. We also added new technology that allows new members to open an account online. The Rate Relief Mortgage and the Streamline Mortgage Programs allow current members the ability to refinance their FreeStar Financial mortgage even though they do not have equity in their home due to decreased home values caused by the recession. Our new phone system encourages members to access the Magic Touch system which is an interactive voice response (IVR) system which allows 24 hours a day/seven days per week access to members who need to obtain account data and request services.

Our military heritage has taken our members all over the country, we actually have members in 49 states. With our advancements in technologies, we can now serve members all over the country. This is one of the main reasons we chose to expand our field of membership. The state approved the bylaw change to expand our field of membership to 10 counties in Southeast Michigan which include: Genesee, Lapeer, Saint Clair, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Wayne, Lenawee and Monroe, and military throughout the state.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year and appreciate your continuous commitment to our credit union and the credit union movement.

~Raymond White Jr.

# President/CEO's Report



It is my privilege as your President and CEO to provide a state of our credit union address at the 59th annual meeting of FreeStar Financial Credit Union. I am pleased to report that we had another outstanding year in 2015. Our performance continues to be well-balanced across the important indicators that measure our credit union's success. Our credit union finished 2015 with total assets of \$180 million,

an increase of \$5.1 million or 3% for the year. We are pleased to report that, yet again, our members continue to make FreeStar Financial their lender of choice. In fact, we finished the year with record loan balances, coming in at \$65.8 million in new loan originations. Even though we experienced strong loan growth, our loan delinquency ratios remain low and sit below the industry average. Membership growth was 6.7%, ending the year with a total of 17,671 members. In summary, our financial activity translated into a net income of \$1.3 million, supporting a return on assets of 0.77%.

As 2016 begins, we remain a healthy, motivated and growing financial institution. Just like everything we've achieved over the course of our first 59 years has prepared us for today, everything we do today has an effect on the future.

In fact, in 2016 FreeStar Financial is committed to the following goals to best serve our members and to increase the value of participating in our credit union:

- Provide superior service in every interaction with members and/or potential members through process improvement and superior service standards.
- Deepen financial relationships with our membership to provide a greater financial value to them.
- Develop leadership capabilities and actively promote teamwork among co-workers to meet member needs.
- Maintain financial strength and stability.

The support of you, our members, has meant everything to us over the past 59 years. We will continue to reward your loyalty by providing you with safe, quality products that provide value and convenience so you can tend to all your financial needs. From everyone here at FreeStar Financial, we thank you for making us part of your community. Whether you've recently become a member or have been with FreeStar Financial Credit Union all 59 years, whether you're the first in your family to join us or part of a long legacy of members, we're honored to serve you.

# **Consolidated Financials**

	December 2015	December 2014
Assets		
Loans Allowance for Loan Loss Cash Alloya Credit Union Investments Land & Building Furniture & Fixtures Other Assets	136,472,138 (1,048,443) 1,708,984 623,873 33,913,453 4,191,330 599,037 4,499,984	112,107,321 (1,292,586) 1,650,951 4,824,585 48,599,196 4,341,474 577,103 4,780,690
Total Assets	\$180,960,356	\$175,588,733
Liabilities and Equity		
Accounts Payable Shares & Deposits Money Management Share Drafts Certificates Reserves Contingency Reserves Undivided Earnings	1,622,604 47,070,198 44,425,256 23,221,278 45,902,967 2,992,291 3,107,109 12,618,653	1,309,034 43,771,521 46,095,309 19,513,392 47,520,075 2,992,291 3,107,109 11,280,002
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$180,960,356	\$175,588,733
Income		
Loan Interest Investments Other	6,017,928 550,490 2,801,740	4,890,743 710,230 2,633,708
Total Income	\$9,370,158	\$8,234,681
Expense		
Operating Expense Dividends Paid Certificate Interest Paid	7,159,111 243,533 594,093	5,984,697 236,068 614,492
Total Expenses	\$7,996,737	\$6,835,257
Net Income	\$1,373,421	\$1,399,424

## **Board of Directors**



Raymond White Jr. Chairperson



**Edward Cotter** *Vice Chairperson* 



**Christina Nuttall**Secretary



Clifford Brown
Treasurer



James Ellis
Director



Jeffrey Bruss
Director



Thomas Churchwell
Director

## **Branch Locations and Hours**

#### Chesterfield

47011 Sugarbush

(Off of 21 Mile Road, East of I-94)

Lobby and Drive Thru:

 Mon., Tues., Thurs.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Wed.
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Fri.
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

 Sat.
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Sterling Heights**

34642 Van Dyke

(South of 15 Mile Road)

Lobby and Drive Thru:

Mon., Tues., Thurs.9 a.m. - 5 p.m.Wed.10 a.m. - 5 p.m.Fri.9 a.m. - 6 p.m.Sat.9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **Clinton Township**

37570 S. Gratiot

(North of 16 Mile Road)

Lobby:

 Mon., Tues., Thurs.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Wed.
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Fri.
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

 Sat.
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drive Thru:

 Mon., Tues., Thurs.
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

 Wed.
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

 Fri.
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

 Sat.
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Selfridge**

**Building 715** 

(Base Access Required)

Lobby:

 Mon.
 CLOSED

 Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Wed.
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 Sat.
 CLOSED

Closed for lunch from 1-2 p.m. daily



