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## Minnesota credit union committees recognize key volunteers

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Credit Union for Kids (MnCU4Kids) and Minnesota Family Involvement Council (FIC) committees recently honored two individuals for time and effort spent on their respective committees. Steve Oien of Minnco Credit Union and Lynn Meisner of City-County Federal Credit Union received their volunteer awards on April 18 at a banquet held in conjunction with the Minnesota Credit Union Network's (MnCUN's) 2009 Annual Meeting & Convention.



***During the Network's Awards Banquet on April 18, MnCUN President & CEO Mark D. Cummins presented awards to Steve Oien (above), CU4Kids Volunteer of the Year, and Lynn Meisner (below), FIC Volunteer of the Year***

Oien is President/CEO of Minnco Credit Union in Cambridge and has served in this capacity for 18 years. He joined the MnCU4Kids committee in 2003 and was co-chair from 2004-2008. Oien received the Volunteer of the Year honor for his active involvement in the committee's golf, Annual Meeting, and Bowl-O-Rama subcommittees along with regular attendance at meetings and involvement in other activities.

While Oien didn't join the committee seeking recognition, he is appreciative of the Volunteer of the Year recognition. "I think that it's important to help kids, especially the kids at Gillette who are struggling with health issues," he said.

Last year, Minnesota raised more than \$158,000 for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, which has outreach clinics around Minnesota. The committee set its 2009 fundraising goal at \$150,000. Nationally, fundraising for CU4Kids takes place in all 50 states.



Meisner earned the Minnesota Family Involvement Council's Volunteer of the Year Award for her service on the committee, which she joined in 1991. She is the Accounting Manager at City-County Federal Credit Union in Brooklyn Center and has held this position for eight years. Over the years, Meisner has been an active participant of the FIC, serving as Vice Chair from 1996-1999 and Secretary from 1999-2005.

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Additionally, in 1997 she received the committee's Volunteer of the Year Award. Today, she is instrumental in the coordination of the FIC's Start 2 Go program, which assists credit unions in creating kids, teens and seniors clubs. She is also involved in the committee's silent auction, scholarship program and other projects.

The FIC is a volunteer-based organization run by credit union professionals. Its mission is to enhance the future of the credit union movement by supporting Minnesota credit unions' efforts to provide financial education and encourage full-family involvement. The recipient of this annual award is voted on by members of the council.

"I was surprised and honored to receive the Family Involvement Council's Volunteer of the Year Award. In a way, it was an unbelievable achievement for me because we have so many [members] on the committee that are equally deserving of this award," said Meisner. "Like the others on the FIC, I am passionate about the committee's mission to help credit unions provide financial education and resources to members of all ages."

"In working with Steve and Lynn throughout the years, I can attest to their passion and commitment to their respective causes," said Kristina Wright, MnCUN Vice President – Communications and CU4Kids and FIC liaison. "Through the selfless volunteer efforts of these individuals and the others who serve on the committees, they successfully work to advance the credit union movement on a wide variety of levels."

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