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League of Southeastern Credit Union & Affiliates honors USF Federal Credit Union as Credit Union of the Year

Tampa, Fla. – The League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates (LSCU) recently recognized USF Federal Credit Union in Tampa, Fla., with its 2019 Credit Union of the Year award for credit unions with more than \$500 million in assets.

Institutions honored as Credit Union of the Year demonstrate the all-around best the industry has to offer. These credit unions have accomplished outstanding achievements in the areas of daily operations, financial prowess and community outreach.

As USF FCU celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2019, the credit union experienced record growth and achieved numerous significant accomplishments. During 2019, USF FCU Credit Union served its membership by:

- Offering Realty's HomeAdvantage service, allowing members to search for homes, buy a house and receive cash back at closing
- Running the DRIVE program, aimed at helping lower-income members qualify for auto loans to ensure they have safe, reliable transportation
- Establishing special mortgage programs offering up to 100% financing and no PMI for medical professionals and educators
- Constructing a new branch in Sarasota
- Volunteering 2,202 hours in the local community
- Conducting several financial education seminars for youth
- Giving \$205,000 in student scholarships
- Giving \$10,000 to the NICU at Tampa General Hospital to provide carriers for babies born addicted to drugs

"We are always proud of the great work all our credit unions do on behalf of their members and communities," said Jared Ross, president of LSCU. "These awards give us a way to show our appreciation to those who truly went above and beyond in their duty to help people afford life. On behalf of the League, I am humbled to be able to thank them for their outstanding service."

USF Federal Credit Union was one of nine credit unions honored with 2019 Credit Union of the Year awards. Three winners were selected from each state in the LSCU footprint – Alabama, Florida and Georgia. One winner from each state was selected from three different asset-size categories. The League announced each of these winners via its social media Oct. 13.

About the League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates. The League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates represents 333 credit unions in Alabama, Florida and Georgia, with a combined total of more than \$120 billion in assets and more than 10.3 million members. LSCU provides advocacy and regulatory information; education and training; cooperative initiatives (including financial education outreach); media relations and information; and business solutions. For more information, visit www.lscu.coop. Follow the League on Twitter or Facebook.