


2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**Barksdale Federal
Credit Union™**
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Throughout these 70 years, Barksdale Federal Credit Union has extended its reach beyond Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, ensuring financial support to a broader audience. As we reflect on this milestone, BFCU reaffirms its commitment to being more than just a financial institution; we aspire to be our members' financial partner for life.

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70th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Barksdale Federal Credit Union
Cyber Innovation Center
March 28, 2024 • 5:00 P.M.**

- 1. 5:00 P.M. – Call to Order – Patrick Gullatt, CEO**
- 2. Invocation – Jerome DuBose**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Stakes**
- 4. Confirm a Quorum – Supervisory Committee**
- 5. Appointment of Parliamentarian**
- 6. Minutes from Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting**
- 7. Report of Directors/President**
- 8. Report of Supervisory Committee and Elections**
- 9. Unfinished Business**
- 10. Scholarship Awards**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Adjourn**

This meeting will be a brief business meeting with limited capacity (no food nor prizes). We will record the meeting for those not in attendance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD

In 2023, we faced challenging economic conditions as we experienced the effects of inflation and the Federal Reserve's actions to control it. Rapidly increasing interest rates can make balancing lending and deposit rates difficult as interest costs and income don't always increase at the same pace. Our goal this year as always was to meet our members' financial services needs as efficiently as possible while maintaining a healthy financial condition.

Community Involvement

We are very proud of the commitment to service that was shown by our employees this year. Working on behalf of various non-profits and projects in support of our community, our team raised \$12,000 for the American Heart Association, \$5,500 for the American Cancer Society, \$12,000 for our disabled American Veterans and \$6,700 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

They also donated of their time participating in events like blood drives, clothing donations, homeless charities, donating life jackets, and working at community shred days, among others. In total our employees contributed over 1,437 hours volunteering for local causes.

Property Acquisition

We're excited to share that we've secured land in Ruston, Louisiana for our upcoming branch. With numerous members heading off to college in Ruston, we acknowledge the convenience of remote banking with Barksdale Federal. However, there's a certain comfort in knowing your financial partners are just around the corner when you need them. This new location aims to offer peace of mind to our young adult members and their parents, recognizing the impactful role these college years play in shaping financial perspectives. Our commitment is to establish a strong foundation for their future adult years.

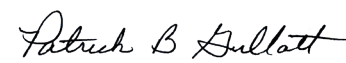
Service Enhancement

At Barksdale Federal, we're proud to bring technology to the forefront, revolutionizing service for our valued members. Members can experience the convenience of texting with a BFCU representative, engaging in secure chat sessions, and even video chatting – we go the extra mile by sharing screens to assist with paperwork. Plus, signing contracts is a breeze outside of our branch locations through text or email. Our knowledgeable call center is at your service from Monday to Friday, open until 7:00 PM for your convenience. Whether in our branches, online at bfcu.org, on the mobile app or through the call center, our commitment is to provide whatever convenient path to access you choose.

Looking Ahead

Barksdale Federal Credit Union joyously commemorates seven decades of unwavering service. As the largest locally-owned credit union in Louisiana, BFCU takes pride in its longstanding connection to the community. Throughout these 70 years, the credit union has extended its reach beyond Louisiana, establishing centers in Texas and Arkansas, and ensuring financial support to a broader audience. As we reflect on this milestone, BFCU reaffirms its commitment to being more than just a financial institution; we aspire to be your financial partner for life. We look forward to the future, maintaining our role as a steadfast ally in the financial well-being of our members and their families. We invite our members to celebrate with us all year long. Here's to 70 years and many more!

Sincerely,



Patrick Gullatt
President/CEO



Alvin C. Oar
Chair



69th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Barksdale Federal Credit Union Cyber Innovation Center March 30, 2023 • 5:00 P.M.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Membership Meeting of Barksdale Federal Credit Union was called to order at 5:03 p.m., March 30, 2023, by the President & CEO, Patrick Gullatt.

1. Call to Order by Mr. Patrick Gullatt.
2. Mr. Al Oar gave the invocation.
3. Ms. Margaret Carlisle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. Gullatt introduced those seated up front:
CMS (Ret.) Al Oar, Chair
CMS (Ret.) Steve Stakes, 1st Vice Chair
Dr. Ryan Jacobsen, 2nd Vice Chair
Mr. Roy Walling, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Margaret Carlisle, Director
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Les Navarro, Director
Ms. Evelyne Epperson, Supervisory Committee Chair

Not in attendance was CMS (Ret.) Jerome DuBose, Director.
5. Ms. Evelyne Epperson, Supervisory Committee Chair, confirmed a quorum was present with 43 members in attendance.
6. Mr. Gullatt appointed Curtis Shelton with Ayers, Warren, Shelton and Williams, LLC, as parliamentarian.
7. The minutes for the Sixty-Eighth Annual Membership Meeting were made available in the Annual Report and on our website prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to approve them as written.
8. Mr. Gullatt asked for a moment of silence to honor Dale Bickham, a longtime employee of 31 years and Vice President of Retail Operations before presenting the Report of the Board of Directors & President's Report, which is in the Annual Report. The Board of Directors and Management would like to thank our members and employees for a successful year, ending 2022 with over \$2 billion in assets. With the recent economic developments, Mr. Gullatt would like to mention that we have a stable and diversified deposit base with a low percentage of uninsured deposits. Management would also like to thank our employees that have worked tirelessly this year to integrate 5 new Arkansas centers and welcome their employees to the Barksdale Federal family. We are excited about the opportunities that the market will bring us.

9. Ms. Epperson presented the Supervisory Committee Report.

Ms. Epperson reported these Board of Directors elected for three-year terms:
Roy Walling and Les Navarro

10. Mr. Gullatt reported no unfinished business from the Sixty-Eighth annual meeting.
11. The scholarship winners this year were selected based on their essay topic: "If you had the opportunity to bring any person – past or present, fictional or nonfictional – to a place that is special to you (your hometown or country, a favorite location, etc.) Who would you bring and why? Tell us what you would share with that person." Recipients of the four scholarships awarded by Barksdale Federal were introduced: Jacob James, Rosepine High School, Rosepine, LA; Audrey Hesser, Caddo Magnet High School, Shreveport, LA; Michael Vizena, Elizabeth High School, Elizabeth, LA; and Christian Orozco, Parkway High School, Bossier City, LA who each received a \$1,500 scholarship.
12. Mr. Gullatt asked for any new business. There was none.
13. There being no further business, the Sixty-Ninth Annual Membership Meeting of Barksdale Federal Credit Union was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



AL OAR
Chair



ROY E. WALLING
Secretary

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

IN THOUSANDS

ASSETS

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,284	\$ 103,911
Interest bearing deposits with financial institutions	17,137	21,478
Investments		
Held-to-maturity debt investments	37,938	54,085
Available-for-sale debt investments	616,442	635,313
Equity securities	37,195	34,148
Corporate credit union investments and other investments	8,145	7,479
Loans receivable net of allowance for credit losses of \$12,359 in 2023 and \$6,437 in 2022	1,343,374	1,236,813
Other receivables	247	167
Accrued interest income	7,713	6,343
Prepaid and deferred expense	2,603	2,848
Property, plant and equipment net of accumulated depreciation totaling \$32,414 in 2023 and \$30,724 in 2022	41,679	40,849
NCUA share insurance fund deposit	18,568	17,871
Credit union owned life insurance	1,741	1,725
Other assets	10,279	9,697
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,237,345	\$ 2,172,727

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Liabilities:

Members' share and nonmembers' deposit accounts	\$ 2,039,678	\$ 1,985,513
Accounts payable	9,898	11,394
Notes and interest payable	20,083	30,403
Dividends payable	57	75
Other liabilities	15,745	15,842
Total Liabilities	2,085,461	2,042,867

Members' Equity

Regular reserve	-	76,477
Undivided earnings	200,991	121,635
Equity acquired in merger	1,298	1,298
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(50,405)	(69,550)
Total Members' Equity	151,884	129,860

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

\$ 2,237,345 **\$ 2,172,727**

The Statements of Financial Condition and Statements of Income are shown for illustrative purposes only. The related footnotes to the financial statements, which are an integral part of these financial statements and should be considered as a whole, are available for review at Barksdale Federal Credit Union offices.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

IN THOUSANDS

INTEREST INCOME

	2023	2022
Loans receivable	\$ 73,423	\$ 53,979
Interest bearing deposits with financial institutions	341	424
Held-to-maturity agency debt investments	1,079	1,442
Available-for-sale agency debt investments	3,847	3,420
Available-for-sale U.S. Treasury investments	4,527	3,822
Equity securities	490	360
Corporate credit union investments and other investments	3,594	1,071
Total Interest Income	87,301	64,518

COST OF FUNDS

Dividends on members' share and nonmembers' deposit accounts	31,898	13,084
Interest expense on borrowings	1,329	43
Total Cost of Funds	33,227	13,127

NET INTEREST INCOME

Less provision for credit losses	54,074	51,391
	10,985	(560)

Net Interest Income After Provision For Credit Losses

43,089 **51,951**

NON-INTEREST INCOME

Mortgage fees and charges	587	615
Credit, debit and ATM transaction fees	16,837	16,707
Other member fees and charges	14,994	14,209
Net (losses) on sale of securities	(256)	(65)
Unrealized gains or (losses) recognized on equity securities	3,085	(4,987)
Other miscellaneous income	602	650
Total Non-Interest Income	35,849	27,129

OPERATING EXPENSE

Compensation	25,717	22,558
Employee benefits	8,097	6,980
Travel and conference expense	476	269
Association dues	165	169
Office occupancy expense	3,511	3,163
Office operations expense	15,820	14,618
Educational and promotional expense	2,252	2,258
Loan servicing expense	10,061	8,835
Professional and outside services	5,488	5,154
Federal examination fee	336	323
Depreciation	3,187	2,660
Miscellaneous operating expense	1,894	1,581
Total Operating Expenses	77,004	68,568

NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS

1,934 **10,512**

Other Non-Operating Income

4,016 1,798

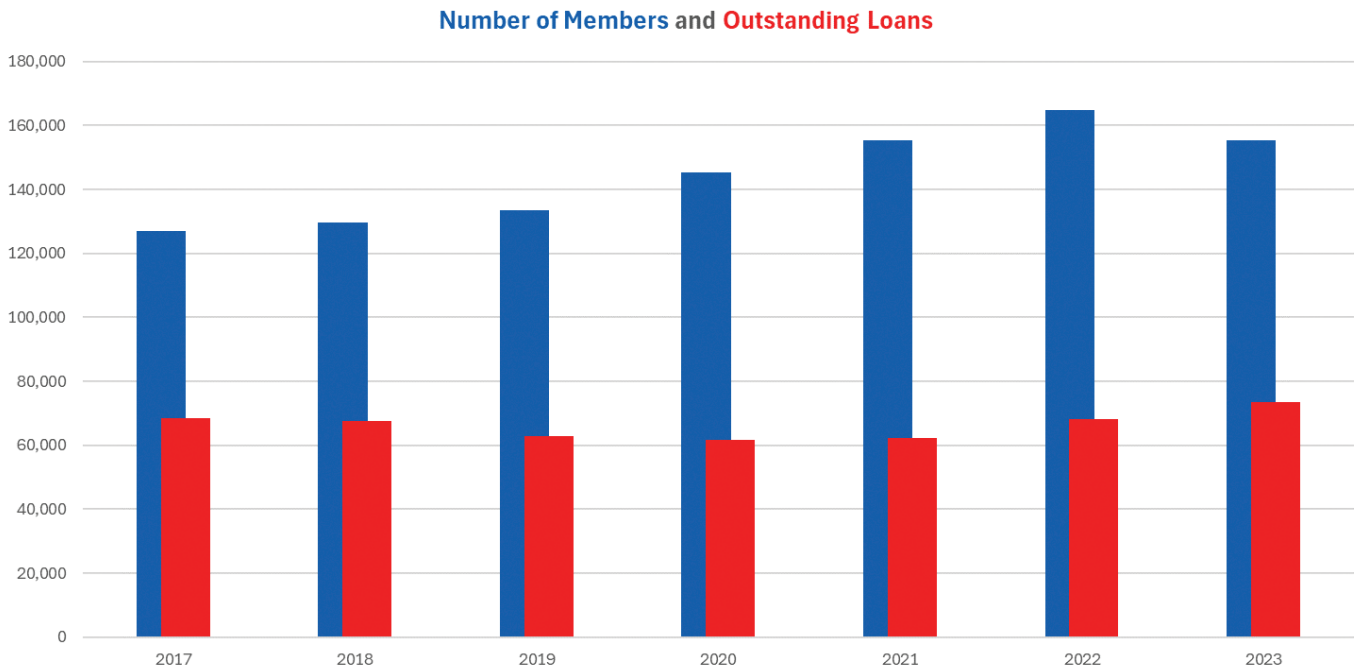
NET INCOME

\$ 5,950 **\$ 12,310**

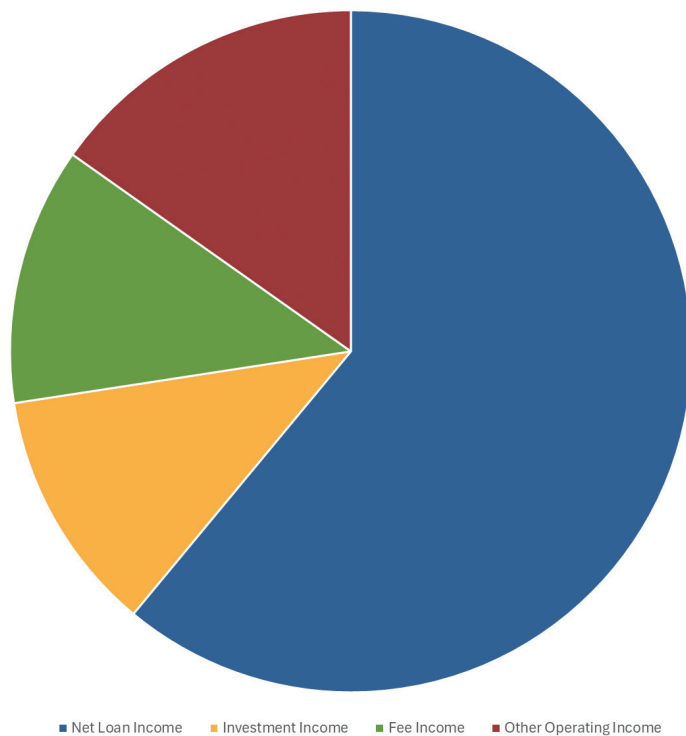
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Members vs. Loans

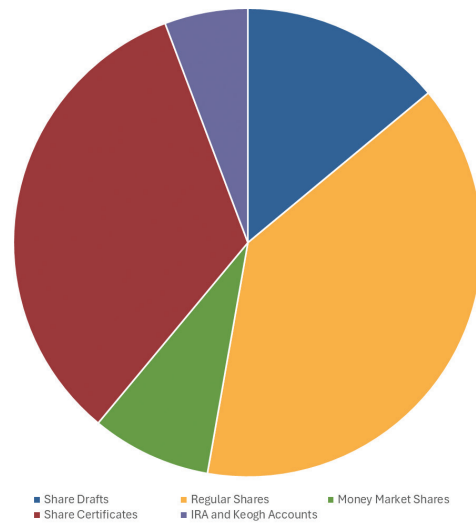
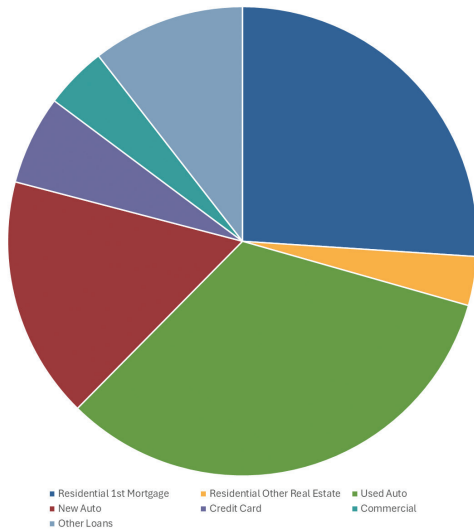


Income Composition



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Loan Composition and Share Composition



Asset Growth and Membership Growth (5 Years)



SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Supervisory Committee is a group of volunteers who works with the Internal Audit department, credit union management, the Board of Directors, and external auditors to ensure the credit union operates safely, soundly, and in the best interests of the membership. We remain committed to you and to the mission and values that have made Barksdale Federal what it is today.

The CPA firm of Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC performed the credit union's annual financial statement audit. The results of this audit concluded that the credit union's financial statements fairly present the credit union's financial condition. Based upon the results of external audits, the National Credit Union Administration examination, and Internal Audit activity, it is the opinion of the

Supervisory Committee that the financial condition and internal controls remain strong. We work to maintain a safe and sound credit union that will continue to serve the membership and the community.

Two director positions are expiring this year. The nominating committee submitted the following names of incumbent directors: Alvin C. Oar and Margaret Carlisle. Since no further nominations were received by petition, according to the by-laws of the credit union, the nominated directors will serve a three year term. On behalf of the Supervisory Committee, we thank you for your membership and are proud to play a part in making the credit union better for our current and future members.



Evelyne Epperson
Chair, Supervisory Committee



Evelyne Epperson



Susie Fair



Wanda Holden

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management, and staff, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing membership at Barksdale Federal Credit Union. It's essential to note that our Board of Directors, the guiding force of your credit union, consists entirely of volunteers elected by the membership, serving without monetary compensation. Their dedication echoes the spirit of community that defines our credit union.

Since 1954, Barksdale Federal Credit Union has been a cornerstone of Louisiana, providing 70 years of unwavering dedication and growth. Our commitment to service extends beyond state lines, with a footprint now reaching into Texas and Arkansas. Bringing the credit union experience to communities is not just our mission—it's our joy.

In striving to be a beacon of hope for your financial aspirations, our goal is to be that guiding light illuminating the path to your dreams. Despite the economic challenges that swept the nation in 2023, your credit union stood resilient, weathering the storm with success. We are honored to navigate these financial landscapes with you, remaining steadfast in our commitment to brighten your financial journey.

By the year's end, our membership count was at 155,332. Our assets surpassed \$2.2 billion marking a 2.97% increase. Demonstrating our members' trust, total member share accounts grew by 2.73%, while loans experienced a 9.05% growth. The net income for the year was over \$5.9 million, reflecting a return on average assets of .27%. Our net worth totaled 9.13% of assets.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management, and staff, we want to thank you for your continued membership at Barksdale Federal Credit Union.



Al Oar
Chair



Steve J. Stakes
1st Vice Chair



Ryan Jacobsen
2nd Vice Chair



Roy E. Walling
Secretary/Treasurer



Margaret Carlisle
Director



Jerome DuBose
Director



Leslie T. Navarro
Director

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Lots of new exciting features, services, and more launched in 2023!



Veterans Benefits Guide

On behalf of the Defense Credit Union Council and Barksdale Federal Credit Union, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your selfless service to our nation. As an expression of our appreciation, we are pleased to provide to you on our website a copy of the *Veterans Guide: Understanding Your Benefits* to help you in applying for the many programs and services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. You earned these benefits, and we hope this guide will help you take advantage of the many opportunities the VA provides to you and your family.



Increased High Yield

Barksdale Federal was thrilled to present our members with an opportunity to watch their savings flourish. Previously, our High Yield Savings account rate applied to the first \$5,000 in savings. Now, you can earn this high rate on the first \$10,000 in savings! This exceptional offer is perfect for members seeking to maximize their savings without locking up their funds.



Debit Card Controls

Take charge of your VISA® debit card effortlessly with card controls! Simply activate card controls within the BFCU Mobile App to set limits on spending, specify where your card can be used geographically, choose preferred payment types, and more! Plus, if your debit card is misplaced or stolen, you can swiftly deactivate it. This feature is a game changer, putting a halt to any unauthorized transactions.



eStatement Portal

We've upgraded your BFCU account statements to a brand NEW eStatement Portal. With our BFCU Online Statement Portal, you can conveniently access your account statement(s) whenever it suits you. All your BFCU statement types are now consolidated into one easy-to-view portal. Plus, you'll have access to up to 36 months of stored deposit statements. When it's time to view your eStatement, you'll receive an email notification. Simply log into your online banking account, select eServices, and follow the prompts to sign the electronic disclosure. We hope you enjoy this enhanced online experience.



Merchant Services

Barksdale Federal has teamed up with Fitech by Deluxe to provide our merchants with top-notch processing services and cutting-edge software, empowering their businesses to reach new heights of success. Simply share two months of processing statements with us. If Fitech

can't match or beat your current provider's effective rates, they'll give you \$500*. To learn more, contact Business Services.

**Minimum monthly processing of \$2,500 required for at least two out of 12 months in 1 year. Excludes franchises.*

Experience Payment Processing Designed For You:

- Point-of-Sale, Mobile, and Online Payments Processing
- Virtual Terminal, Online Payment Page, and Shopping Cart
- Credit and Debit Card, ACH, and Loyalty Payments
- Integrated Software Solutions
- Next Day Funding
- 24/7/365 Customer Support

We are committed to bringing you the tools necessary to grow your business. Call or text Business Services at 318-642-9674.



BRE – Banking Really Easy

Bank Really Easy! With BFCU's Video Chat service, you get face-to-face assistance from our friendly representatives. We can help with:

- Joining as a member
- Opening a new deposit account
- Electronically signing documents
- Setting up eServices
- Answering any questions about deposit accounts

Our Video Chat team is here for you Monday to Friday, 8AM to 5PM CST.



Ruston Property

We're excited to announce our latest property acquisition in Ruston, Louisiana! Situated at the corner of Byram Avenue and N. Trenton Street, this new location is designed to provide peace of mind for our young adult members and their parents. We understand the pivotal role these college years play in shaping financial perspectives. Our commitment is to build a solid foundation for their future adult years.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2024 Scholarship Winners!



Kaitlyn Rine

High School: Leesville High School
College: Louisiana State University
Major: Pre-Medicine



Xavier Orellana

High School: Airline High School
College: Louisiana State University
Major: Biology



Gabriella Gray

High School: Benton High School
College: Louisiana State University
Major: English & Creative Writing



Kiya Casey

High School: Calvary Baptist Academy
College: Ouachita Baptist University
Major: Speech Pathology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Barksdale, our dedication to our community and members shines through in our unwavering support and commitment to our local communities. In 2023, our team exemplified this spirit by personally donating \$7,885 to local charities and volunteering 1,437 hours at 132 events. This display of generosity extends beyond our membership, showcasing our team's dedication to serving the entire community. Our employees also demonstrated their support by donating to causes such as The American Cancer Society, Disabled American Veterans, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and more.

The year 2023 was marked by selfless service and philanthropy, and we are incredibly proud to have such compassionate and dedicated employees as integral members of our team, enriching the lives of both our community and our members.

5Ks

Walked a total of **62** miles to raise awareness for various organizations

Banquets

53 volunteers supported and learned about **9** different community organizations by attending their annual dinners

Blood Drives

Volunteers donated blood **35** times at **9** different blood drives resulting in **105** lives saved

Clothing

Volunteers donated **166** bags of clothes to organizations supporting those who are currently homeless and in need

Community

91 volunteers donated a total of **348** hours in various projects such as litter clean up projects, parades, painting elderly neighbors' homes, and much more

Food

Almost **300** individuals of the homeless or disabled community were served a hot meal and **75** essential food items were donated by our volunteers

Halloween

Volunteers provided a booth and candy for **7** different community Halloween events!

Life Jacket

Volunteers handed out **300** life jackets to help prevent accidental drownings



Military

Volunteers donated a total of **186** hours supporting our military partners in various events such as an amazing race, various festivals, feeding soldiers, and much more

Nonprofit

104 volunteers supported different nonprofit agencies by making personal monetary donations totaling over **\$6,695** and spending a total of **84** hours participating at events

School

Volunteers made personal monetary donations totaling almost **\$2,425** for school supplies, donating **14** school uniforms and a total of **52** hours volunteered at local school events

Shred Day

Over **674** members of the local community were able to shred their personal documents for free thanks to the help of **43** amazing volunteers

Toys

Over **\$2,460** was raised to provide toys across AR, TX, and LA to help spread the magic of Christmas

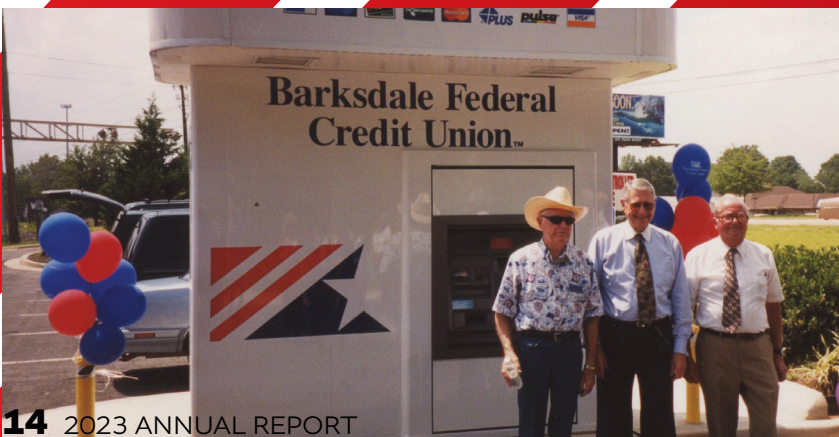
Veterans

50 volunteers donated **\$1,750** to provide veterans with **120** kits of needed personal items, **50** wreaths for the Veteran's Cemetery, and funding for services available to veterans.



MR. ARNO EASTERLY REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Arno Easterly played pivotal roles in his life, leaving an enduring legacy. Serving as President & CEO from 1984 to 2008, and Director and President Emeritus on BFCU's Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee from 2010 to 2021, his contributions led Barksdale Federal Credit Union to significant growth, elevating assets, expanding staff, establishing numerous locations, and more. In his life, Mr. Easterly received many awards including the Louisiana Credit Union League's Distinguished Service, Political Action & Executive of the Year recognition and in 2004 was awarded the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU) Executive of the Year. He also received Outstanding Business Person of the Year in 2006 from the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. He served 6 years in the Army Reserve and was called up for 11 months in 1961 during the "Berlin Crisis." While on active duty he was promoted to Sergeant First Class and was awarded the Army Commendation Metal for meritorious service. Mr. Arno Easterly passed away on October 29th, 2023. His impact will be remembered and cherished by all whose lives he touched.



LOCATIONS

LOUISIANA

Bossier City

Airline Center – 2321 Airline Drive
Stockwell Center – 551 Stockwell Road
Northgate Center – 700 Northgate Road
South Bossier Center – 5490 Barksdale Blvd
BAFB BX Center – 455 Curtis Road, Bldg 4711

Benton

Linton Road Center – 115 West Linton Road

Shreveport

Mansfield Road Center – 9134 Mansfield Road
Pines Road Center – 6790 Pines Road
Eastbank Center – 1560 East 70th Street
Ellerbe Center – 9475 Ellerbe Road
Market Street Center – 519 Market Street
Youree Drive Center – 8810 Youree Drive
North Market Center – 5702 North Market Street

Cotton Valley

Cotton Valley Center – 106 Resident Street

Blanchard

Blanchard Center – 200 Main Street

Jonesboro-Hodge

Hodge Center – 1026 South First Street

Haughton

Haughton Center – 307 Hwy 3227

Minden

Minden Center – 105 Richard's Way

Alexandria

Alexandria Center – 3500 Jackson Street

Oakdale

Oakdale Center – 300 East 7th Ave

Leesville

Leesville Center – 604 South Sixth Street
Fort Johnson Center – 7640 Colorado Ave, Bldg 751

DeRidder

DeRidder Center – 1995 North Pine Street
DeRidder II Center – 2197 US 171

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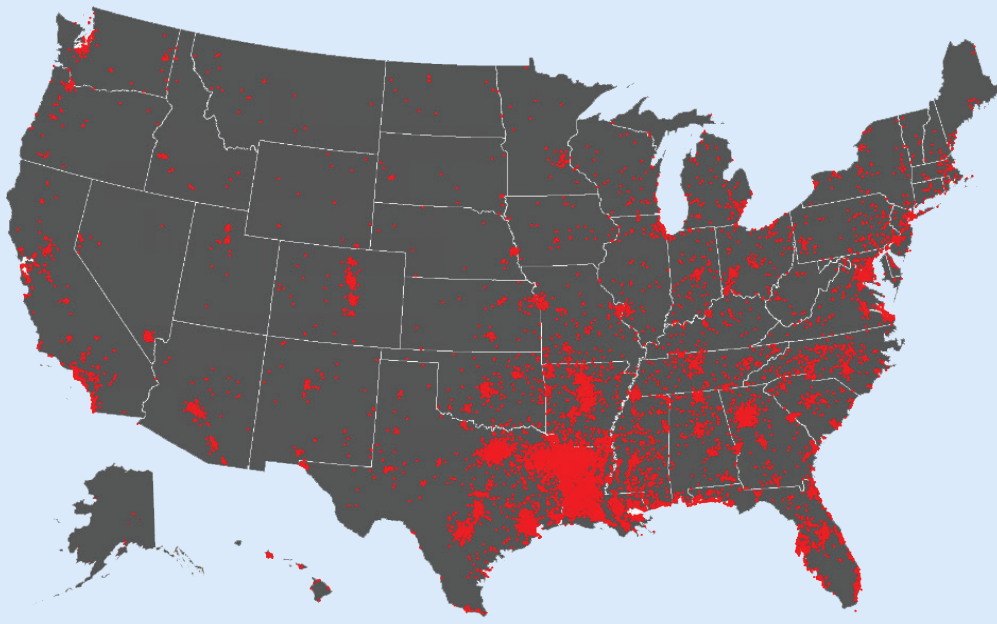
Longview

Skyline Center – 213 Skyline Drive
McCann Center – 3101 McCann Road

ARKANSAS

Portland Center – 113 Highway 165 South
Greenbrier Center – 67 South Broadview
Marshall Center – 110 Hwy 65 South
Damascus Center – 17401 Hwy 65 South
Little Rock Center – 8800 Stagecoach Road

MEMBERSHIP MAP





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