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**Unitus Community Credit Union Staff and  
Volunteer Honored with Awards**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (Oct. 29, 2008)** – Unitus Community Credit Union’s Vice-President of Credit Services and the past Chairman of the Unitus Board of Directors were recently recognized with awards at the Credit Union Association of Oregon’s 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Meeting & Convention, held on October 8 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel.

Paul Kirkbride, Vice-President of Credit Services was named this year’s Young Credit Union Professional. Kirkbride oversees all lending-related activities at Unitus Community Credit Union, including Unitus Mortgage and Business Lending. In addition, he oversees collections, card services, insurance, and also serves on the Board of Managers for Unitus’ auto-buying service, Smartway Auto Advisor, LLC. Kirkbride’s primary role is to develop lending products and services for the membership, while also managing the loan portfolio and lending operations.

Outside of Unitus, Kirkbride serves on the Board of Directors for the Credit Union Association of Oregon’s (CUAO) NW Chapter, is a member of the Credit Union National Association’s Consumer Lending and Executive Councils, and serves on the CUAO’s State Issues Subcommittee. He is also a past member of the Credit Union Direct Lending Advisory Council.

Terry Gavin, immediate past-Chairman of the Unitus Board of Directors, was named Volunteer of the Year at the awards ceremony. Gavin has served Unitus for over 25 years in many different capacities including serving on various board committees and serving as vice-Chairman for many years.

The Gavin family has a rich history of credit union involvement, which spans five generations. Gavin’s great grandfather, Frederick M. Gavin, was member #7 and one of 17 founding members of Unitus in 1937 and served on the original Board of Directors. Terry’s father, Frederick J. Gavin, was member number #115. Terry’s father was a lifelong member, and Terry’s children and grandchildren are all Unitus members.

Gavin’s strong belief in the credit union movement and the notion of “people helping people” is reflected in his years of service to Unitus and the members that it serves.

**About Unitus Community Credit Union:**

Unitus Community Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution serving people living or working in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Clark County. Additional information about Unitus is available at [www.unitusccu.com](http://www.unitusccu.com) or by calling (800) 452-0900.

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