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## Unitus Community Credit Union Announces Partnership with The Wetlands Conservancy

Partnership will help credit union maintain and restore wetlands at its Tigard facility

**Tigard, Ore., January 31, 2025** – Unitus Community Credit Union is proud to announce a new partnership with <u>The Wetlands Conservancy</u> to support the preservation and care of our invaluable wetlands ecosystems. This partnership underscores the credit union's dedication to environmental sustainability and community impact.

As part of the partnership, Unitus awarded The Wetlands Conservancy a \$25,000 Community Impact Grant. This funding will help the organization continue its vital work, from restoration efforts to community education and access improvement.

Unitus President and CEO, Steven Stapp, and SVP/Chief Risk Officer, James Alexander, recently explored the five acres of dedicated wetlands on the Unitus Business Center–Tigard property. This visit was more than just a stroll through nature; it was a critical assessment to ensure the wetland's condition, remove debris, and lay the groundwork for future initiatives. During their exploration, they encountered thriving native grasses and plants, diverse wildlife, and areas that may need restoration.

"This partnership aligns with our values and our social responsibility initiatives," explained Mr. Stapp. "As we work to be good stewards of the wetlands at Unitus Business Center-Tigard, we look forward to learning from the expertise of The Wetlands Conservancy to maintain and protect this native ecosystem."

"We look forward to supporting Unitus' efforts to care for the wetland at its Tigard facility," said Katie Ryan, Executive Director of The Wetlands Conservancy. "We are grateful for the Community Impact Grant which will help us continue our work to restore and maintain local wetlands, and to educate our communities about the vital role wetlands play in our lives."

Unitus will celebrate International Wetlands Day on February 2, 2025. In addition, Unitus staff will work alongside The Wetlands Conservancy on Earth Day to clean up the wetlands at the Unitus Business Center-Tigard.

## **About Unitus Community Credit Union**

At Unitus, we're dedicated to improving lives in the communities we serve. As a member-owned local credit union, we invest in people by doing the right thing. Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, we provide support for community groups through volunteerism and financial donations. Our 105,000 members count on us to serve them and their communities; our 300+ employees share that passion for service. Learn about the local impact Unitus makes by visiting unituscu.com.