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## **Unitus Community Credit Union Hosts First Annual Earth Day Celebration**

*Community partners join credit union to educate, inspire, and commit to protecting and preserving natural resources*

**Tigard, Ore., April 22, 2025** – Unitus Community Credit Union and several community partners celebrated collaborative sustainability efforts at the credit union’s first annual Earth Day Celebration.

The Wetlands Conservancy hosted a “hike and learn” volunteer event at Unitus’ five-acre wetlands, where participants learned about the importance of the ecosystem, the plants and animals that inhabit the wetlands, and how sustainability and advocacy efforts help protect the native environment.



Unitus leaders presented information about future sustainability and wetlands plans, including an observation deck, trails, and stewardship. The event also celebrated Unitus’ overall sustainability initiative, which has already had meaningful impact on the environment.

“Since 2019, our sustainability efforts have saved 1,850,000 sheets of paper, 9,100,000 miles driven, and a 55% reduction in mail, contributing to 13,500 pieces of waste avoided,” reported

Megan Snyder, VP of Strategic Partnerships and Portfolio Management at Unitus. “We are very proud of our environmental and sustainability plan and our goals for the future.”

Other community partners, including Thimbleberry Collaborative Farm, Tigard Chamber of Commerce, Tualatin Together, Clean Water Services, Adopt One Block, Hoyt Arboretum, and Creekside Community High School, joined the celebration.

“We share a lot of the same values with Unitus, and they are good neighbors, so we’re thankful for what we’ve already partnered with them on and look forward to the possibilities in the future,” explained Raneë Solmonsson, Community School Coordinator at Creekside. “We engage our students and communities by making community connections like this. We believe in transformative engagement where we’re partnering with everyone to support our students, as our future.”

Also on hand for the celebration was Momentum, Unitus’ design-build partner. Through thoughtful, sustainable planning, Unitus recently earned a Silver Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for upgrades at Unitus Business Center-Tigard, thanks to the work of the



Momentum team. The certification represents a significant achievement in sustainable building design and environmental stewardship. Earning Silver certification places UBC-Tigard among a select group of facilities that meet rigorous standards for sustainability, occupant health, and energy efficiency.

The celebration also included lunch, an eco-friendly craft hour, and workshops from Creekside Community High School students. They offered tips and tricks on basic bike maintenance and how to make the transition to bicycling as transportation, and a demonstration showing attendees how to upcycle everyday items in our homes to keep them out of the landfill.

Unitus Community Credit Union plans to make the Earth Day Celebration an annual event.

### **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 [unitusccu.com](http://unitusccu.com).