

How it pays more than half of a million dollars to be a member of The Local Credit Union

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Guardian Credit Union closed out 2018 by expressing their gratitude to members for their business over the past year by giving an Interest Rebate and Dividend Bonus totaling \$587,660.

Giving back to our local community is important to Guardian and returning profits to members has become and important piece of the member relationship. With this year's *cash back bonus*, **Guardian Credit Union has now given members more than \$4.8 million dollars** over the past eight years in the form of an interest rebate and bonus dividend.

This rebate was possible due to Guardian Credit Union's positive financial results throughout the year, which is largely based on member relationships and their loyalty. Guardian's CEO Heath Harrell and its Board of Directors see Guardian in the strong financial position to afford this *cash back* rebate and believe "our members deserve this." CEO Heath Harrell goes on to say, "Guardian Credit Union is member owned and as a member, you get very unique rewards. We are grateful of the support and loyalty of our members and we are extremely proud to be able to give back." Harrell states, "We understand that there are many financial institutions to choose from and we appreciate our members choosing Guardian. In today's financial marketplace great service and free products do not necessarily set us apart from others in the industry. What makes Guardian unique is that we are constantly challenging ourselves to find ways to better serve our members, which has allowed us the opportunity to give back to our members in tremendous amounts, unseen by most financial institutions. Returning profits to our members is a true example of the difference between a credit union and bank, but the incredible amounts in which we have been fortunate enough to give back in recent years is what sets Guardian apart from all other financial institutions."

This is all a part of what Guardian Credit Union stands for: supporting the well-being of its members and all communities we serve through financial guidance and giving back whenever possible to ensure continued prosperity.

Guardian Credit Union currently has 15 branch locations, including Montgomery, Prattville, Wetumpka, Greenville, Tallassee, Clanton, Maplesville, and Troy. For more information on Guardian Credit Union, please visit the website at www.MyGuardianCU.com

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