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When Building Trades Credit Union was established in 1957, its mission was to help union workers in the building, construction and finishing trades create a solid financial future for themselves and their families. More than 50 years have passed since that time. And these years have brought fundamental changes to the economy, labor unions, and society in general. But our mission has always remained the same.

At BTCU, we know it's not enough to have a mission in mind. We must constantly strive to fulfill it. So it's fair to ask the question, "Does BTCU still make a difference in our members' lives?" Are we helping you create a solid financial future?

Let's take a look at our accomplishments in 2011:

- > We provided our members with quality banking products and personal service. Unlike so many of our competitors, BTCU's checking accounts are available to members with no minimum balance requirement and no monthly service fee.
- > We supported 60 union locals and related organizations by providing quality banking services, often at little or no cost, including checking accounts, investment certificates, debit and credit card processing and electronic funds transfers.
- > We processed union payroll savings plans and automated dues collection for numerous union locals at no cost to them.
- > We continued our commitment to outreach by bringing basic financial education to union apprentices. We believe that education on the responsible use of credit is essential for union workers who are just

- starting their careers. In 2011, we again provided this education to hundreds of apprentices.
- > We provided 25 scholarships, totaling \$10,000, to our members pursuing a post-secondary education. Many of these scholarships went to union apprentices to help cover the cost of their training at union JATCs.
- > Members who use BTCU's Visa Credit Card redeemed their CU Rewards points to get more than \$90,000 worth of merchandise and travel rewards at no cost to them.
- > We helped more than 1,000 members acquire cars, boats, and motorcycles as well as purchase or remodel their homes by providing \$35.2 million in loans, with interest rates that saved them money.
- > We modified loans for members who were experiencing financial difficulties caused by the on-going economic recession. As a result, we helped numerous families stay in their homes.
- > We also paid out more than \$450,000 in dividends to our members who hold their savings at BTCU.

Did we make a positive difference in our members' lives in 2011? Thanks to your support, we did. And together, we can do even more!

Just like a labor union, a credit union works best when we stick together and support each other. If you're not using BTCU for all your family's banking needs, you're missing out on the best deal in town.

We'd like to ask each of you to make a commitment to increase your use of our products and services in 2012. Whether you're looking to purchase a new vehicle, buy or refinance your home, get a better credit card, or take advantage of free checking services, we remain committed to helping you and your family achieve a lifetime of financial success.

Sincerely,

Leesa Husak, President & CEO and Al Gibney, Chairman of the Board



# FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Unaudited at December 31)		2011		2010
ASSETS				
Cash & cash equivalents	\$	4,614,690	\$	3,672,293
Investments		32,855,647		34,747,275
Loans, net		60,895,831		59,618,211
Other assets		3,141,171		3,169,975
Total assets	\$	101,507,339	\$	101,207,754
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LIABILITIES & MEMBER'S EQUITY  Members' shares	\$	97 076 E4E	\$	00 627 612
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Dividends payable & other liabilities		710,593		419,658
Total equity	\$	12,820,201	\$	12,160,483
Total liabilities & member's equity	<b>—</b>	101,507,339	<b>.</b>	101,207,754
STATEMENT OF INCOME (Unaudited for the year ended December 31)		2011		2010
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest income on loans	\$	3,784,915	\$	4,028,009
Interest income on investments		648,765		779,470
Total interest income	\$	4,433,680	\$	4,807,479
Interest Expense		457,966		682,362
Net interest income	\$	3,975,714	\$	4,125,117
Provision for Loan Losses		573,000		648,000
Net interest income after provision	\$	3,402,714	\$	3,477,117
NONINTEREST INCOME				
Fee income	\$	524,939	\$	525,624
Other income		616,524	,	517,173
Total noninterest income	\$	1,141,463	\$	1,042,797
NONINTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and benefits	\$	1,780,786	\$	1,801,921
Other operating expense		1,894,081		1,945,961
Total noninterest expense	\$	3,674,867	\$	3,747,882
Net income before stabilization expense	\$	869,310	\$	772,032
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STABILIZATION EXPENSE	_	•		400.000
Share Insurance Fund premium expense	\$	200 502	\$	103,628
Temporary stabilization assessment		209,592	+	114,643
Total stabilization expense	\$	209,592	\$	218,271
Net income	\$	659,718	\$	553,761

KEY STATISTICS	2011	2010
Return on Assets	0.65%	0.53%
Net Capital/Assets	12.63%	12.02%
Net Operating Expense/Avg. Assets	3.30%	3.30%
Loans/Shares	70.25%	68.13%
Net Charge-offs/Avg. Loans	0.70%	0.56%
Loans Deliquent 60+days/Loans	0.95%	0.30%
Allowance/Ending Loans	1.47%	1.25%
Share Growth	-0.73%	-9.17%
Loan Growth	2.37%	-6.96%
Asset Growth	0.30%	-7.56%
Number of Members	14,410	14,125

### **SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Supervisory Committee is responsible for verifying the accounts of members, meeting the audit requirements specified in regulations, and making recommendations to the Board of Directors for improving operations within the Credit Union.

In that respect, the Committee decided in 2011 to change the audit focus from an annual Opinion Audit - which verifies financial statements are fairly stated as of a specific date - to a Supervisory Committee Guide Audit which is a more in-depth audit that focuses on internal controls and compliance with regulations and board-approved policies.

The Committee engaged the CPA firm Wipfli LLP to conduct an enterprise risk assessment and develop a three-year audit plan based on the assessment results. In accordance with this plan, Wipfli will review areas of higher risk annually and areas of lesser risk on a rotating basis over the three-year period.

Audit procedures are performed quarterly and results are reviewed with the Committee and the Board upon completion. As of December 31, 2011, audit work completed has resulted in no "critical" recommendations, and all "necessary" and "desirable" recommendations have been satisfactorily addressed by management.

The Committee believes controls are adequate, member accounts are accurate, and the Credit Union is being managed in a safe and sound manner.

## **Jack Hettwer**

Chairman, Supervisory Committee

# ABOUT BUILDING TRADES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

#### **VOLUNTEERS & MANAGEMENT**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Al Gibney

Chairman

Jamie Hermansen

Vice Chairman

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Financial Secretary

Tim Bruhjell

**Recording Secretary** 

**Robert Hansen** 

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**Dan Soltis** 

**Stan Theis** 

#### SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Jack Hettwer

Chairman

**Keith Christopherson** 

**Devin Hall** 

Tom Reger

#### **MANAGEMENT**

Leesa Husak

President & CEO

Maureen Daehn

Vice President - Finance

Bill Daehn

Vice President – Business Development

Andrea Ferkingstad

Vice President - Marketing

Barb Klein

Branch Manager

**Brad Benson** 

Mortgage Lending Manager

It makes financial sense to have your accounts and services at a place where there's strength in numbers.

When you do your banking at Building Trades Credit Union, you're a member of a financial cooperative that serves working people.

That means our members, who are union workers in the building, construction and finishing trades and their families, pool resources to help one another achieve financial goals.

It also means that we exist only to serve our members - not investors or shareholders. At BTCU, profits are returned to members as higher returns on savings and low interest loans.

Put simply, there's strength in numbers. And that translates into financial advantages for you.

For more information about us and all of our products and services, visit us online at <a href="https://www.buildingtradesCU.com">www.buildingtradesCU.com</a> or call one of our offices today!



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