

# GIVING BACK MOVING FORMARD

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# AT A GLANCE

Moving forward has been a direct result of giving back to our members, employees, and communities—which has led to a record-breaking year for Georgia's Own.



MEMBERSHIP SIZE

0.77%

ROAA

30

BRANCH LOCATIONS

COUNTIES SERVED

867 VOLUNTEER HOURS

<sup>\$</sup>21,086,176

**RETURNED TO OUR MEMBERS\*** 



AWARDED IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



ASSET SIZE



REGULATORY NET WORTH RATIO



EFFICIENCY RATIO





NEW PREMIER PARTNERS



PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS







INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES









Proud partners of the Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Dream, Six Flags Over Georgia, Georgia Swarm, IMG/University of Georgia Athletic Association, and Atlanta's Relay Bike Share Program

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# GIVING BACK Moving Forward

Looking back, 2021 was not without its challenges. Health concerns due to the pandemic, shortages in supply, vehicle, and housing inventory, and an overall uncertainty about the future impacted our members and the way we do business. Despite these challenges, our employees demonstrated integrity, resilience, and a spirit of innovation. For Georgia's Own, moving forward has been a direct result of giving back to the members, employees, and communities we serve. Because of this dedication to Banking on Purpose, we delivered exceptional financial performance and member value in 2021.

### RETURNED OUR SAVINGS TO OUR MEMBERS

As a not-for-profit financial institution, giving back in the form of lower rates and fewer fees is part of our business model. As such, credit unions continue to save Georgians money, and 2021 was no exception. In 2021, Georgia's Own provided an estimated total of \$21,086,176 to our members through lower rates and fewer fees, which is equivalent to \$103 per member or \$215 per household.\* We know saving time can be as valuable as saving money—we instituted 119 process improvements in 2021, improving efficiency for both staff and members.

Helping businesses during the pandemic continued to be a priority. As the coronavirus pandemic raged on, we responded by providing 250 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, totaling \$7.5 million in funding to our members. This allowed businesses to keep staff in place and cover business expenses so they could remain open. We continued to guide members through the SBA forgiveness process and have helped nearly 98% of our borrowers pay off their loans.

#### ENHANCED OUR PRODUCT OFFERINGS

Offering meaningful products and services fuels our growth. In 2021, we developed new products and redesigned existing offerings to meet members' rapidly evolving needs, including the launch of a construction loan product, home equity line of credit enhancements, and Pay With Points redemption feature for credit card holders. We focused on ease of use and efficiency by introducing a perpetual lending solution, giving members the ability to accept automated offers without navigating a lengthy application process.

#### PROVIDED INCREASED ACCESS AND FINANCIAL TOOLS

Giving back means offering greater access to our members—embracing new technology and furthering innovation. We implemented our first robotics automation process, introducing the capabilities of virtual banking via POPi/o. We continued to enhance access channels with the addition of video conferencing and digital appointment setting options. We added a state-of-the-art Midtown location with self-service options. Through our merger with Fort McPherson Credit Union, we were also able to add a branch in East Point, serving the 3,000 members in their field of membership. In an effort to help our members achieve financial success, we continued to offer free education modules through our ACHIEVE platform and created more than 30 educational opportunities through free videos and webinars.

## GAVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES ATTAINED GROWTH AND RECORD EARNINGS

Philanthropy is at the forefront of what we do, and along with the charitable arm of Georgia's Own Credit Union-the Georgia's Own Foundation—we continued to serve the community in significant ways. The Georgia's Own Foundation raised a record-breaking \$130,000 to benefit L.E.A.D. at its 12th annual golf tournament, making it the Foundation's most successful event to date. The Foundation also collected donations for the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund and matched up to \$5,000, donating more than \$18,000. Georgia's Own and the Georgia's Own Foundation awarded a total of \$40,000 in college scholarships to 29 students in 2021, plus donated \$100,000 to Georgia State University's Career Advancement Center. Through the efforts of Georgia's Own and the Georgia's Own Foundation, we were able to remain a pillar in the community, dedicating 867 volunteer hours and providing in excess of \$476,000 in donations to organizations across the state.

#### **INVESTED IN OUR STAFF**

The key to our success continues to be our employees. Throughout the year, we cultivated an environment where everyone feels valued and has the opportunity to succeed. As part of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program, we created a diversity-focused candidate experience, allowing us to attract the right candidates, improve the candidate experience, and ensure that open positions reached an expanded audience by posting on employment websites that focus on helping women, minorities, and veterans. We furthered our dedication to employee wellness and volunteerism—employees logged more than 1,673 hours for personal wellness and nearly 741 hours for volunteer time off. After taking a year off, we held a virtual Georgia's Own Day, giving employees the opportunity to connect, reflect, and participate in a day of service. As a result of these continued efforts, Georgia's Own received Top Workplaces recognition for 2021.

Despite many economic and market challenges, 2021 was a record-breaking year for Georgia's Own. Our growth and strong financial performance showed the agility and dependability of our organization. Our membership continued to grow, ending the year with 208,658 members, an increase of 2.48%. We outperformed year-to-date budget through cost savings and revenue enhancements, achieving net income of \$24.6 million, our highest in Credit Union history. We had asset growth of approximately 16.53%, ending the year at \$3.4 billion. Our total loan portfolio stayed strong at nearly \$2.1 billion. Member deposits also increased, ending the year at more than \$3.0 billion. We achieved a healthy ROAA of 0.77%.

Our success comes from adhering to our consumer and community-centric model, putting the needs of our members and the communities we serve first. This, coupled with exemplary employees who are empowered to act quickly, autonomously, and respond to our members' needs, has helped us navigate these times of uncertainty. We thank our members, our board, and our staff for continuing to advance the Credit Union forward in new and innovative ways, and most importantly, we thank you for being one of Georgia's Own.



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**PRETER** President & CEO

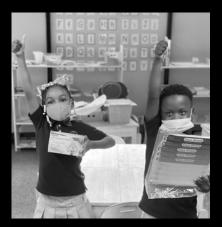


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# HOW WE GAVE BACK



#### **BOYCE ANSLEY SCHOOL**

We donated much-needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the students at the Boyce Ansley School, a tuitionfree private school for children experiencing homelessness in Atlanta.

JANUARY



#### SMART LUNCH. SMART KID

Employees packed lunches for Smart Lunch, Smart Kid, a program that provides meals for food-insecure students. Our member drive raised \$12,500 for the organization.

JUNE



#### HUNGER ACTION DAY

Robert Eldridge helped prepare meals for the Women's Community Kitchen, which serves warm meals to women and children and prepares an additional 100 meals for mobile distribution.

SEPTEMBER



APRIL

#### CAMP TWIN LAKES

Mario Hughes planted in the organic garden of Camp Twin Lakes, a transformative camp for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges.

#### **GOLF CHALLENGE**

We raised an event-record \$130,000 for L.E.A.D., an organization that mentors young men in Atlanta through the game of baseball.



#### HOPE ATLANTA

During the holiday season, Kelli Glaspy and other Georgia's Own employees packed food boxes for HOPE Atlanta, an organization working to end homelessness and hunger in Georgia.

#### OCTOBER

#### DECEMBER



# **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### ASSETS

Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$ 3,419,402,865
Total Members' Equity	 309,404,930
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	 (11,835,445
Equity acquired in business combinations	21,141,433
Undivided earnings	270,846,232
Regular reserves	29,222,710
Total Liabilities	 3,109,997,93
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	 40,461,853
Uninsured secondary capital	50,000,000
Borrowed funds	1,289,000
Members' share and savings accounts	 3,018,247,082
Share and IRA certificates	 556,604,44
Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)	18,839,96
Money market accounts	563,708,094
Share draft accounts	660,323,833
Regular share accounts	\$ 1,218,770,742
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
Total Assets	\$ 3,419,402,865
NCUSIF deposit	 27,559,127
Property and equipment, net	45,767,319
Investment in Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSOs)	24,666,97
Prepaid and other assets	131,423,770
Accrued interest receivable	12,074,173
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	2,041,314,34
Loans held for sale	1,074,110
Available-for-sale investments	398,010,76
nterest-bearing deposits	1,000,000

# **STATEMENT OF** INCOME

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### INTEREST INCOME

Loans Investments **Total Interest Income** 

#### INTEREST EXPENSE

Share and savings accounts Borrowed funds Total Interest Expense Net Interest Income

#### **PROVISION FOR LOAN LOS**

Net Interest Income after Provision for

#### NON-INTEREST INCOME

Interchange income Fees and charges Income on CUSO investments Commission income Other income Mortgage fee income Life insurance income **Total Non-Interest Income** 

#### **NON-INTEREST EXPENSES**

Compensation and benefits Office operations Office occupancy Loan servicing Marketing and sales costs Professional and outside services **Total Non-Interest Expenses** 

Net Income

	\$ 92,439,678
	 3,842,141
	96,281,819
	9,888,370
	 104,459
	 9,992,829
	86,288,990
SSES	 3,466,666
Loan Losses	82,822,324
	16,309,991
	15,853,816
	6,688,166
	4,381,636
	3,611,847
	3,301,290
	 1,893,413 <b>52,040,159</b>
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	58,208,628
	21,785,985
	10,818,138
	9,884,512
	4,860,983
	 4,670,614
	 110,228,860
	\$ 24,633,623

# **STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	REGULAR RESERVES	UNDIVIDED EARNINGS	EQUITY ACQUIRED IN BUSINESS COMBINATIONS	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	TOTAL
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 29,222,710	\$ 246,242,609	\$ 20,736,612	\$ (10,277,870)	\$ 284,924,061
Net Income	—	24,633,623	—	—	24,633,623
Other comprehensive loss	_	_	_	(1,557,575)	(1,557,575)
Equity acquired in business combinations	_	_	404,821	_	404,821
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 29,222,710	\$ 270,876,232	\$ 21,141,433	\$ (11,835,445)	\$ 309,404,930

**BOARD OF** DIRECTORS

**DAVID PRETER** | President & CEO **RICHARD BURNS** | Chairperson **PATRICK CASEY** | Treasurer JOAN SIMS | Secretary MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER WILLIAM CONINE DAVID DICKEY JAMES LARRY FOWLER **GARY LUDGOOD** THOMAS H. POLLOCK **ERVIN WALKER** 

# SENIOR STAFF **MEMBERS**

**CINDY BOYLES** | Chief Talent Officer ERIC BROOME | Chief Operating Officer JOHN CAREW | Chief Strategic Officer KELLY GARMON, PH.D. | Chief Marketing Officer **GREG GIBSON** | Chief Financial Officer **BARRY HEAPE** | Southwest Regional President **DREW PUTT** | Chief Business Officer



#### **GEORGIA'S OWN DAY**

On Columbus Day, Georgia's Own employees were able to connect, reflect, and enjoy a day of service. Georgia's Own Day allows employees across the state to come together to celebrate our achievements and give back to the community we serve.



GEORGIA'S OWN CREDIT UNION

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