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## **CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATIONS OF COLORADO AND WYOMING HOST GRAND OPENING FOR NEW HEADQUARTERS**

### ***Ribbon Cutting for Education and Training Center Named The Sterner Center***

**DENVER, CO.** (*August 22, 2008*) – The Credit Union Associations of Colorado (CUAC) and Wyoming (CUAW) have officially moved into the Capitol Hill neighborhood in downtown Denver. The Associations hosted a grand opening ceremony on Tuesday, August 19, at 1009 Grant Street. More than 200 people attended to celebrate the new headquarters which occupies a fully-renovated 1929 historic building just four blocks from the Colorado Capitol building. The festivities also included a ribbon cutting ceremony for the building's new 3,500 square foot education and training center which was named The Sterner Center, after William Charles "Bill" Sterner, former Chairman of the Board of CUAC who passed away earlier in the year.

"The building's strategic location allows us to be close to our elected officials and able to easily brand credit unions as the preferred financial service provider in our two states," said John Dill, President/CEO, Credit Union Associations of Colorado and Wyoming. "The 23,000 square foot, state of the art facility is what credit unions have come to expect from their state-wide trade associations. We also look forward to hosting VIPs and other credit union leaders at the facility during the Democratic National Convention next week."

Known as the "Casa Grande" building, the historic 1929, four-story structure reflects a distinguished architectural design by the legendary Denver architect and master builder Walter H. Simon. The facility was Class C office condos before it was purchased by the credit union group. The building has a wealth of interesting architectural detail both inside and out, including unique terrazzo floors in the main corridor along with archways and finials, and Spanish tiles and scroll work on the outside. Owned by Credit Union Strategic Partners (CUSP), the league service corporation that services both Colorado and Wyoming, the building has been completely renovated to modern standards, the cost of which was paid for out of the reserve funds of CUSP.

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“Culminating a multi-year effort by the Associations, the new building increases the visibility of the credit union movement and supports our advocacy efforts,” said Dill. “Even though our staff works here, the facility is owned by and belongs to our members – the credit unions of Colorado and Wyoming.”

Surrounded by Colorado and Wyoming credit union CEOs, credit union staff and volunteers, Association staff, as well as friends and family of Pat Sterner, the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Sterner Center was celebrated. Guests also shared in the tribute of Bill’s memory with the unveiling of a wall plaque hung in the foyer of The Sterner Center. Also in attendance at the ceremony were legislators and public officials that included: Senator Ted Harvey; Representative Jim Kerr; Sean Conway, Chief of Staff for Senator Wayne Allard; Representative Mary Hodge; State Security Commissioner Fred Joseph; Representative Anne McGihon; Colorado’s Financial Services Commissioner Chris Myklebust; Representative Ken Summers; Senator Dan Gibbs; Councilman Charlie Brown; Greenwood Village Mayor Ron Rakowski and representatives from Congressman Ed Perlmutter and Congressman John Salazar’s offices.

The evening also included the exciting announcement that Bill Sterner has been chosen to receive the posthumous 2009 Herb Wegner Award for Lifetime Achievement by the National Credit Union Foundation (NCUF). Sterner will be honored posthumously, along with many people whose lives he touched, at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Wegner Awards Dinner presented by NCUF on February 23, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. on the opening night of CUNA’s 2009 Governmental Affairs Conference.

“Bill’s memory shines on in all our lives,” said Dill. “Bill’s strong commitment, vision, and innovation to foster growth in the credit union industry will continue to inspire and help advance future generations and new frontiers.”

To view a web page that captures Bill Sterner’s incredible legacy please visit the NCUF website at:

<http://www.ncuf.coop/home/news/subnews/BillSternerWegnerAward.aspx>

### ***About the Credit Union Associations of Colorado and Wyoming***

*The Credit Union Associations of Colorado and Wyoming are the statewide trade associations representing 120 Colorado credit unions, 30 Wyoming credit unions, and more than 1.6 million credit union members in both states – one in three Colorado and Wyoming citizens. Each credit union, operated under state or federal regulation, is a member-owned, not-for-profit institution that returns its proceeds to each of its members in the form of better interest rates and lower fees. Based in Denver, the associations serve and support credit unions and their members through legislative advocacy, media advocacy, education and training, and operational information. For additional information, visit [www.colocu.com](http://www.colocu.com) or [www.cuawyoming.com](http://www.cuawyoming.com), or call 1-800-477-1697.*

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