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TDECU representatives present \$20,000 donation for BGCGH Teen Workforce Development Program

For Immediate Release: TDECU Invests in Community's Future with \$20,000 Charitable Donation

(Lake Jackson, TX) — Hard work is a source of pride for all ages, so when <u>TDECU</u> saw an opportunity to encourage workforce development within the community's youngest generation, the credit union got to work. On June 29, TDECU presented a \$20,000 donation to <u>Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston</u> (BGCGH) for its Teen Workforce Development program. This program is designed to help close opportunity gaps for teens entering the workforce, allowing them to develop skills, better plan for their future careers, connect their education to future opportunities and build self-esteem while achieving their goals.

The \$20,000 donation by TDECU will help prepare 400 to 500 local teens for the workforce by helping them develop leadership skills, access post-secondary and career readiness activities, and establish goals for their futures. Teens in the program have opportunities to explore careers, match them to their interests, improve job-seeking and employability skills, acquire onthe-job training experience, and engage in career planning.

"In a competitive job market, inequities make job acquisition and career development much more challenging," explains TDECU Community Relations Officer Crystal Harris. "Today's young workers are facing inequities in education, career mentoring, and internships for work experience. Here at TDECU, we wanted to do something to help close those gaps for our area's youth as they seek to contribute to our community through participation in the workforce. Our partnership with BGCGH will help our community meet this need."

"We are so grateful for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston's partnership with TDECU," said Susy Smith, VP, Development, BGCGH. "This partnership focuses on increasing the financial literacy of our Club members and helps to create unique experiences as they get ready for their next chapter with workforce readiness skills. At BGCGH, we want all of our Club members to graduate from high school with a plan and set up for a great future. The partnership and support of TDECU help BGCGH achieve these important and life-changing goals for our Club members."

About TDECU

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