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LAFCU employee named first Eaton Rapids Business Employee of the Year

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU employee Teri Krupa, of Eaton Rapids, has been honored as the first Eaton Rapids Business Employee of the Year by the Eaton Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (ERACC).

"We created this award to recognize individuals who excel in their roles, whether by bringing a positive attitude to the workplace, performing at a high level, or taking on added responsibilities to help both themselves and the business grow," said Teresa Pienta, ERACC executive director. "Teri and future honorees should know they represent the best of Eaton Rapids – not only on behalf of their employer, but also on behalf of our community. Their good deeds are not going unnoticed."



Teri Krupa: Senior Member Representative.

Krupa has been with LAFCU for more than four years, starting

as a teller and moving up to senior member services representative. She was nominated for the award by Polly Cornish, LAFCU Eaton Rapids/Mason branch manager.

"Teri is one of those special people you know will always have your back, do what needs to be done and do it all with a smile," Cornish said. "She is first to step up when her co-workers need help, and she makes an extra effort to know each of our members by name and make them feel part of the LAFCU family. She is a positive role model and an asset to LAFCU and our community."

In the nomination form submitted by Cornish, she wrote that Krupa readily and often volunteers to assist with local events in Eaton Rapids, such as "Urban Air" and the "Hometown Christmas Parade," and with her daughter's Girl Scout troop. Krupa also eagerly stepped up to support LAFCU's first "Spread the Kindness" initiative last summer, which included delivering gift cards throughout the community and gift baskets to the elderly at a Mason retirement home.

Krupa was presented the award on Friday, May 13, during the Eaton Rapids Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at the English Inn.

About Eaton Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Eaton Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote and advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Eaton Rapids area so that its citizens and all areas of its business, civic, cultural, educational and farming community shall prosper.

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds more than \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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