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### **SPIRE Wins National Social Responsibility Award!**



*Dan Stoltz, SPIRE President/CEO, accepts the National Dora Maxwell Award in Washington, D.C.*

Falcon Heights, MN      SPIRE Credit Union has been honored with the second place 2016 National Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award. The award, sponsored by Credit Union National Association (CUNA), recognizes credit unions for the activities they coordinate that benefit their community or a specific charity.

SPIRE's Social Responsibility efforts originate with its Give Back Team that supports local branch communities through a variety of efforts. SPIRE employees are passionate about building a better world, one person at a time, reaching out to those who may not otherwise have help. In one year, this collaborative effort resulted in each of SPIRE's 200+ employees participating in over 120 events and activities, 2,850 employee hours, \$26,000 given back, and countless lives changed.



“We are absolutely humbled to be recognized on the national level,” said Dan Stoltz, SPIRE President/CEO, “Our employees work so hard to give back to their communities and to see them acknowledged at this level makes me so proud to work with each and every one of them!”

The award is named in honor of Dora Maxwell, an early credit union pioneer. One of the original signers of CUNA's constitution at Estes Park, Colorado, Maxwell worked as an organizer for the movement's trade association (then called the Credit Union National Extension Bureau). In addition to organizing hundreds of credit unions, she developed volunteer organizer clubs and worked with organizations on behalf of the poor.

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