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ACHIEVE CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES A NEW BRANCH LOCATION IN LAGRANGE, OHIO.

Lagrange is no longer a banking desert

Elyria, OH— April 1, 2022 — Today, Achieve Credit Union announced the opening of a new branch in LaGrange, Ohio.

To better serve its members and the community surrounding LaGrange, Achieve Credit Union will open its new branch location in June of 2022 at the previous site of Northwest Bank. The branch will be located at 546 N. Center St, Lagrange, Ohio 44050.

“We are excited about the opportunity to serve not only LaGrange but the surrounding cities of Grafton, Oberlin, and Wellington in the southern half of Lorain County. In addition to fulfilling the community's banking needs, we will be expanding operations to include business lending in the near future,” said Neil R. Sommers, CEO of Achieve Credit Union.

“I always enjoy my visits to the credit union, they are helpful, patient, and friendly. So glad you are here!” said D.Wood, a member of Achieve Credit Union.

Achieve was founded in 1958 by a small group of teachers from Midview High School in Grafton. The credit union founders' initial \$20 investment increased substantially. At the end of its first year of operation, the credit union had 54 members with \$343.41 in cash, a share balance of \$1,800, and \$1,402 in outstanding loans. Achieve currently has more than \$181 million in assets and more than 11,700 members. Achieve is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or goes to school in Cuyahoga, Erie, Lorain, or Medina counties.

Achieve is a not-for-profit financial cooperative where its members are also its owners. Achieve offers branching offices in Elyria and Lorain and has nearly 5,000 shared branching locations nationwide. Achieve offers its members competitive rates on loans, Visa products, checking accounts, savings accounts, etc. Achieve also participates in the highest personal share savings insurance level, insuring deposit accounts up to \$500,000*. Additionally, Achieve is committed to providing members of all ages with the tools to meet their financial goals, including free financial literacy programs for community organizations, financial planning, and a free financial literacy app.

One of the cornerstones of the credit union movement is People Helping People. As part of our commitment to this philosophy, Achieve has the OverAchievers Committee that supports social service agencies by collecting funds throughout the year to help local people in need.

* Achieve is insured by ASI, Equal Housing Opportunity. By members' choice, accounts are insured up to \$500,000. American Share Insurance insures each account up to \$250,000. Excess Share Insurance Corporation provides up to an additional \$250,000 of insurance per account. This institution is not federally insured. MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS ARE NOT INSURED OR GUARANTEED BY ANY GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED AGENCY.

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