**Texas Trust Credit Union Honors School Teachers and Support Staff**

*Credit Union Gives Gifts of more than $9,000 to Trusted Heroes*

**ARLINGTON, Texas – Nov. 18, 2021** – [Texas Trust Credit Union](http://www.TexasTrustCU.org) is honoring 38 school employees in nine North Texas school districts as Trusted Heroes. Recipients each receive up to $250 and recognition for their positive contributions during the COVID pandemic in the 2020-21 school year.

The Trusted Heroes campaign was created to highlight school employees who became frontline heroes during the pandemic. The exceptional work they did to support their schools and districts and for developing new approaches to learning and work that boosted student engagement and kept faculty, staff, and students safe.

Heroes include food service workers, school bus drivers, counselors, custodians and maintenance staff, nurses, and teachers.

A few of the Trusted Heroes are:

Matt Bostick, a physical education teacher at Duff Elementary in the Arlington Independent School District. Dedicated to keeping everyone healthy by staying physically fit, he created a weekly workout video offering exercise tips for students and adults that they could do at home while schools were closed. The videos were distributed via the district’s social media channels, enabling anyone who followed the district to benefit.

For cafeteria manager Phyllis Jackson with Grand Prairie Independent School District, ensuring students were eating healthy during the pandemic was her top priority. Although schools were closed, Jackson and her team continued to prepare fresh meals daily that they packaged and distributed through the school’s drive-up food line, which Jackson organized. Jackson made sure that all families were greeted with a smile and friendly face as they came to pick up food, regardless of the weather. Jackson also stepped in many times to help other campuses prepare food when they were short-staffed.

One of Hurst Euless Bedford Independent School District’s Trusted Heroes includes longtime bus driver Leon Gossett. Students, faculty, and peers deem Gossett a hero because of his unwavering dedication and support to getting students safely to school, back home, and to school events. Gossett is a perfect attendance winner each year too, so he has never missed a day at work. And when he wasn’t able to drive students to school during the pandemic he was a steady and positive influence to his peers, helping them solve problems and lending a helping hand wherever needed.

One of Cedar Hill’s school employees honored as a Trusted Hero is Sandra McGee. In the absence of classroom teachers, McGee not only oversaw the instruction and creation of virtual lessons for her own students, but she also managed two other classes. The pandemic kept her busy keeping students engaged virtually and ensuring that learning continued for all the students she taught.

“Our schools are full of good, kind, and hard-working people who make our schools a wonderful learning environment,” said Debi Knoblock, Assistant Vice President of Business & Community Engagement with Texas Trust Credit Union. “We are honored to be able to recognize these Trusted Heroes for truly making a difference during the pandemic.”

View a short video highlighting other Trusted Heroes [here](https://youtu.be/ycPaUSfU5cE).

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Texas Trust Credit Union has been helping build brighter financial futures since its modest beginning in 1936. Today, the full-service credit union serves more than 120,000 members. With assets of more than $1.7 billion, Texas Trust is the 6th largest credit union in North Texas and the 17th largest in Texas. With a focus on the community, Texas Trust is creating a legacy of giving through generous financial donations that support local school programs and activities, non-profit organizations, and student scholarships; and by providing volunteer resources through its Community Unity team, which supports scores of charitable events each year. For more information, visit [TexasTrustCU.org](http://www.TexasTrustCU.org) or follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/texastrustcu](http://www.facebook.com/texastrustcu) or Twitter at [@texastrustcu](http://www.twitter.com/texastrustcu).

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