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Local Credit Union Gives Back To Local Heroes

Recognizing the winners of the 2021 Community Keepers Award

Chipley, FL – Community South Credit Union (CSCU) is proud to announce the winners of the second annual Community Keepers Award. The winners were chosen from nominations provided by members of CSCU and were selected based on their dedication to the welfare of our community in both a professional and personal capacity.

Each winner was presented with a \$500 cash prize, as well as a \$500 donation to a charity of their choice. The winners of the 2021 Community Keepers Award include LaShawn Pompey, Charles Matthew Odom, Jimmy King, Chris Chatham, and Justin Jenkins.

- **LaShawn Pompey** is a family support worker at Anchorage children's home. LaShawn is exceptionally dedicated to her work with the youth, her church family, and looking after elderly individuals in her community.
- **Charles Matthew Odom** is a paramedic supervisor for the Washington County EMS. Along with his duties as a paramedic and supervisor, Matt has recently helped found a new church where he serves as an assistant pastor. His community work includes serving free lunches, assisting individuals with admission to rehab, and helping local teachers with school supplies.
- **Jimmy King** is a social worker for Covenant Care Hospice. Jimmy goes well beyond his job description by helping families during the holidays to make sure they have holiday meals and Christmas presents. He helped decorate a patient's home for the holidays and he even cleaned an apartment for a patient so the patient would not be evicted. He is always looking for ways to help family, friends, and co-workers.
- **Chris Chatham** is a correctional sergeant for the Holmes Correctional Institution. Sergeant Chatham recently opened a nonprofit animal rescue with his family in

Bonifay that has rescued over 50 animals of several different species from snakes and other reptiles to senior dogs and FELV positive kittens.

- **Justin Jenkins** is an investigator for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Justin is a diligent law enforcement officer who uses compassion and fairness to enforce the law and encourage people to improve their lives. He has poured his heart into the youth of our community in hopes of creating a better future for them.

Jan Page, CEO, commented "Community South is so proud to recognize these heroes for their selfless commitment to helping others. We salute each of them for their day-to-day efforts to make our community a better place to live, work, and play."

You can view a video of this year's awards at www.communitysouth.net/communitykeeps

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About Community South Credit Union

Established more than 60 years ago, Community South is a not-for-profit institution owned and operated by the members we serve. Community South was founded with the promise of "people helping people." From the moment we opened our doors, that guiding principle has been apparent in everything we do, from the accounts and loans we offer, to the personalized attention we provide. Community South has grown to \$180+ million strong in assets with more than 12,000 members. Membership is available to those who live or work in the following counties: Gadsden, Liberty, Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Bay, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington Counties. Communitysouth.net