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**Chief Financial Credit Union President/CEO joins Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber Board**

Tom Dluzen, president and CEO of Chief Financial Credit Union has been appointed to the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. A longtime resident of Birmingham, Dluzen expanded the Chief Financial footprint by opening Chief’s Birmingham branch last year.

In recent months, Chief has been able to help local businesses and nonprofits throughout Oakland and Macomb Counties navigate Personal Payroll Protection Loans. Chief Financial assisted more than 50 businesses and nonprofit organizations to maintain staff and survive the economic downtown faced due to closure and the inability to fundraise, including Birmingham’s Community House.

“We are excited to tap into Tom’s years of financial experience and his commitment to community involvement,” said Chamber President Joe Bauman. “The credit union has a long and proud history of community involvement in Rochester, and that spirit is now evident in Birmingham as well.”

Dluzen has been president and CEO of Chief Financial Credit Union since 2010. The Chief Financial Team, with Dluzen at the helm, was able to navigate through those turbulent years without the need to lay off a single employee. In the past 10 years, Chief has implemented programs that continue to flourish and contribute to more than $90 million in asset growth. Dluzen also established new departments within the credit union.

Chief has quickly become a trusted partner within the Birmingham community, forming strong relationships with local organizations, sponsoring events and initiating creative collaborations with small businesses.

Dluzen will serve alongside new chairman Vincent Gotko, partner at the Birmingham accounting firm Fenner, Melstrom and Dooling, PLC. Gotko replaces outgoing chair Sunny Connolly of Patterson Bryant. Lisa Brown, regional director of radiology services for the Henry Ford Health System, was also recently appointed to the Board.

**About Chief Financial**

Chief Financial Credit Union is committed to empowering financial success and inspiring creative philanthropy throughout each community it serves. Chief Financial has been meeting the needs of its members since 1941 with branch locations in Birmingham, Dearborn, Pontiac and Rochester Hills, Michigan. Chief Financial is also the official credit union of Leader Dogs for the Blind and Rochester University. For more information, visit [www.chiefonline.com](http://www.chiefonline.com/).