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GTE FINANCIAL DONATES MORE THAN \$23K TO METRO INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTS DEI AND PRIDE ALL YEAR LONG

TAMPA, FL, July 2024: GTE Financial, a leading community-focused credit union in Tampa Bay, is reaffirming its unwavering commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and its support for Pride initiatives throughout the entire year. GTE successfully raised \$6,200.14 for Metro Inclusive Health this year alone, contributing to \$23,597 donated in the last three years. These funds bolster the health organization's efforts to provide inclusive health and wellness services, further supporting the credit union's mission. In 2023, GTE Financial generously contributed over \$578,000 to numerous organizations, highlighting its role as not just a financial institution but a vital community partner dedicated to fostering positive change.

"As a Community Development Financial Institution, GTE has proudly put over \$5 Million in awarded funds to work, expanding economic opportunities for underserved communities, focusing on the various demographics in the Tampa Bay community," comments Brian Best, President and CEO of GTE Financial. "The credit union is committed to equal employment opportunities, we believe that diversity and inclusion among our teams are critical to our success as a company, and seek to recruit, develop, and retain the most talented people from a diverse candidate pool."

Last month, GTE Financial was honored as Non-Profit of The Year by the Chamber at its 2024 Impact Awards for its continuous dedication to giving back to the community through several different initiatives throughout the year. Additionally, GTE was selected as one of Tampa Bay Business Journal's (TBBJ) 2024 Business of Pride Ally honorees. Celebrating diversity is an integral part of GTE Financial and its culture, striving to create a safe and open workplace where their team members can be their authentic selves every day. To see the full list of winners for the 2024 Impact Awards, visit tampabaylgbtchamber.org/2024/06/11/pride-in-business-luncheon-2024/.

To see the full list of winners for the 2024 Business of Pride, visit bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2024/05/01/2024-business-of-pride-honorees-named.html.

About Metro Inclusive Health

Established in 1993, Metro Inclusive Health is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides quality health and wellness services that are inclusive, relevant, supportive and represent the lifetime continuum of the diverse people in our community. With active Health & Community Center locations throughout the Tampa Bay area, the centers provide premier comprehensive medical and social services. This includes HIV services and medical care, social activities and classes, support groups, counseling, health and wellness programs, psychiatric medication management, and more. Learn more at metrotampabay.org.

About Tampa Bay LGBT Chamber

The Tampa Bay LGBT Chamber (the Chamber) is a not-for-profit membership-based organization that works to advance common business interests, economic growth, and equality in the workplace and society for its LGBTQ and allied businesses, corporations, and professional members by providing educational, networking, and community engagement To learn more please visit tampabaylgbtchamber.org.

About Tampa Bay Business Journal

Bringing you local breaking business news you can use. For three decades, the Tampa Bay Business Journal has been the "go-to" source for exclusive breaking business news and business-to-business market intelligence in the seven-county Tampa Bay region. For more information on TBBJ, visit bizjournals.com/tampabay/.

About GTE Financial

GTE Financial is a not-for-profit financial cooperative located throughout West Central Florida with \$2.9 billion in assets and 24 Community Financial Centers. Chartered in 1935, GTE Financial is the official credit union of the Tampa Bay Lightning and is locally owned and operated in the Tampa Bay area, serving more than 230,000 individuals and businesses. For more information on GTE Financial, visit gtfinancial.org.

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