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GTE FINANCIAL CELEBRATES 90 YEARS WITH THE GRAND OPENING OF NEW CHANNELSIDE COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CENTER

TAMPA, FL, February 2025: GTE Financial is thrilled to celebrate its 90th anniversary of serving the Tampa Bay community by opening its newest Community Financial Center in the Channelside District of Downtown Tampa. The grand opening event will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and promises to be an exciting celebration for all.

The event will feature special appearances by marquee Tampa Bay Lightning players JJ Moser and Nick Paul, along with the Blue Crew to add to the celebration. Attendees will have the chance to enjoy prizes, special offers, and complimentary refreshments while celebrating the new location.

"This new Community Financial Center marks an exciting chapter for GTE Financial, reflecting our enhanced commitment to our members and the local community," stated Manny Aguilar, Senior Vice President and Chief Experience Officer. "As the official credit union of the Tampa Bay Lightning, we love being in the heart of vibrant Downtown Tampa. We not only offer residents top-rated financial services, but we are also proud to offer Tampa Bay businesses a best-in-class experience, from SBA lending to hassle-free checking, commercial insurance, and free benefits for employees.

The grand opening will be held at GTE Financial Channelside, located at 140 S. Meridian Ave., Tampa, FL 33602 and is open to the public as a free event.

For more information on the grand opening or to learn more about GTE Financial's products and services, visit gtefinancial.org/channelside.

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 gtefinancial.org.

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