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## **G&F FINANCIAL GROUP ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD** *75th AGM celebrations included \$13,815 donated to charity partners*

**Burnaby, BC** – G&F Financial Group, one of the 10 largest credit unions in BC, announced the results of their 2016 Board of Directors Election and Special Resolution at the credit union’s 75th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 5, 2016. Members voted 91% in favour of the Special Resolution which updates the G&F Credit Union Rules.

G&F Financial Group would like to welcome Christine Dacre and Ian Daniel to the G&F Financial Group Board of Directors. Current Directors Brian Hamaguchi and Floyd Yamamoto have also been re-elected for another three year term. G&F would also like to acknowledge departing Director John Secord for 25 years of service on the Board. John served as director and chair on several fishing association boards, which gave him invaluable experience as a G&F Director. He will be remembered for his “members first” attitude and his belief in the cooperative principles that are at the heart of G&F.

Additionally, G&F bids a fond farewell to Vince Fiamengo, who previously announced that he would not seek re-election after serving on the Board of Directors for nearly 30 years. Deeply influential in setting a successful course for G&F Financial Group, Vince leaves behind a legacy formed from his passion, leadership and commitment.

*“I am honoured to welcome Christine and Ian to the G&F Board of Directors and would like to congratulate Brian and Floyd on their re-election,” says Lewis Bubl , President and Chairman. “I also want to thank Vince for being such an instrumental and important part of G&F for so many years. He is leaving behind a remarkable legacy and will be missed,” adds Bubl .*

The AGM kicked off a *Year of Sharing* to celebrate G&F Financial Group’s 75 years of service to members and communities. Through online voting and attending the AGM, members collectively helped G&F direct \$13,815 to charity partners, The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC, The Youth Excellence Society and the Wildlife Rescue Association of BC. G&F has a long history of supporting local communities and as reported at the AGM, G&F invested 10.8% of earnings from operations back into local communities in 2015.

*“This year’s AGM gave us the opportunity to celebrate the successes of 2015 and set an exciting course for the year to come,” say Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, Co-CEOs of G&F Financial Group. “We’re opening a boutique branch in Brentwood and unveiling new financial technology that will give people the opportunity to bank when, where and how they want, keeping our commitment to member-first values. We’re also looking forward to sharing our success by investing back into the communities where we live and work – we can think of no better way to celebrate 75 years of service.”*

### **About G&F Financial Group**

With over 29,000 members, 13 locations and \$1.6 billion in total assets under administration, G&F Financial Group proudly provides a full range of personal and business banking solutions to our credit union members. With a passion for educating and empowering others to achieve their financial goals, we focus on providing advice tailored uniquely for each member and have supported members and invested in our local communities for over 75 years. Our commitment to investing in others has been recognized by BC’s Top Employers, United Way and the Burnaby Board of Trade - we continue to be inspired to make a positive impact in the lives of our members, employees, and communities.

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