



2016 JAMES E. FETTEROLF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DONNA BLAIR

Educational Community Credit Union's Board of Directors is proud to present the James E. Fetterolf Distinguished Service Award to a special individual for exemplifying the credit union philosophy of "People helping People." We are pleased to announce that this year's award recipient is Donna Blair.

Donna joined what was then called School Employees Credit Union in 1990 as a teller at the Gull Road office. "At the time, there were only three of us and with a small staff like that, you really get to know your members well." Says Donna, "I enjoyed getting to know and help the members. It was a great experience."

After eight years of working at the Gull Road branch, Donna decided a career change was in order and became administrative assistant to the CEO where she has remained since. Although her position has changed to executive assistant, she continues to work closely with the CEO, as well as the executive team, the board of directors, and other credit union staff. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, Donna's reply is, "My days are seldom the same. I enjoy getting to work with many different people in all departments. I enjoy the variety."

Donna has served several terms on ECCU's Caring Committee where, among many other things, she was involved in the creation and distribution of two credit union cookbooks to raise money for families of need in our communities. She has also served on the Activities Committee in an effort to ensure a corporate culture of fun and engagement. She has also participated in the success of various member events, including: Storytime with Santa, the holiday parades and grand opening events. "I have enjoyed my many years working with the wonderful board, staff and members of ECCU," says Donna.

Donna received her Bachelor's degree in Communications from Michigan State University. She is very active in her church, is married to her husband, Julian, and has two children, Barry and Maggie.

Our Board of Directors, management and staff highly regard Donna and appreciate her ongoing dedication to the credit union. Donna fully exemplifies the credit union philosophy and the ideal stated on the award plaque, "The Ultimate Worth of a Person is in Service to Others."