

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION**

### **Henri Marchand, Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union**

Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union is proud to nominate Henri Marchand for the Cooperative Credit Union Association Volunteer of the Year Award. Henri has devoted decades of service, leadership, and guidance to both the Credit Union and the Greater Lowell community. His contributions have strengthened Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union while also making a meaningful impact on the broader community we serve.

Henri has served on the Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union Board of Directors since July 2001. For nearly two decades, he served as Treasurer, from 2008 to 2026, helping to guide the Credit Union with a focus on sound governance. In addition to his role as Treasurer, Henri has chaired the Credit Committee, Investment Committee, and the Governance Committee throughout his time on the Board. These leadership roles reflect the confidence others place in his commitment to the long-term strength of the organization.

What makes Henri a valued Board Member, and especially deserving of this recognition, is the way he brings together his civic leadership, community engagement, and cooperative values. Throughout his professional career, he was a champion for the Greater Lowell community. During his years with the City of Lowell, Henri led and supported initiatives that improved neighborhoods, strengthened civic pride, and brought people together through signature community events such as WinterFest, City of Lights, and the Lowell Folk Festival, to name a few. From coordinating major public celebrations to advancing cultural affairs, public art, and neighborhood initiatives, he consistently demonstrated a talent for building connections and creating a stronger sense of community. That same perspective has enriched his service as a Credit Union Board Volunteer.

Henri's background also reflects a lifelong commitment of service and leadership. Before joining the City of Lowell, he served in UMass Lowell's Public Affairs Office, and held leadership roles with The Lowell Plan, where he helped advance downtown and neighborhood initiatives. Across every stage of his career, and now into his retirement, Henri has focused on strengthening organizations that serve others. His volunteer service at Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union is a natural extension of his professional career. He understands that a credit union is more than a financial institution; it is a trusted community partner with a responsibility to improve lives.

Henri's commitment is also evident in his volunteer work beyond the Credit Union. He serves on the Dracut Historic Commission and the Dracut Cultural Council, and

he volunteers for the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure cycling event. He also shares his talents through his Magical Entertainment business, performing as a magician, his magic tricks for local nonprofit events and business gatherings in ways that entertain, connect, and support the community. These roles speak to the generosity and civic mindedness that define his character. Henri does not serve for recognition; he serves because he cares deeply about community, history, culture, and the well-being of others. His leadership is humble and dependable. Qualities that make him both an outstanding volunteer and a valued ambassador for the Credit Union.

Henri Marchand's decades of volunteer leadership and his enduring dedication to community make him exceptionally worthy of the CCUA Volunteer of the Year Award. He embodies the values that credit unions stand for: service, responsibility, cooperation, and commitment to people. Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union is stronger because of Henri's leadership, and our community is better because of the example set by him.