### 2024 Annual Report Connected Inrough Community







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# Board of Directors



Gregory J. Watters Chairman of the Board April 2027



Jose Quiñonez Vice Chairman April 2027



Dr. Teresa Quezada Secretary/Treasurer April 2025



Guadalupe Giner Director April 2025



John Runkles Director April 2026



Ricardo Soto Director April 2026



Grace Vaughn Director April 2026



Hans Sassenfeld Associate Director



Abraham Valenzuela Associate Director

### Management Team

- Crystal Long President & CEO
- Hazel Kennedy Executive Vice President Chief Lending Officer
- Fernando Ortega Executive Vice President Chief Information Officer
- Alex Rascón Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer
- Aida Arce Senior Vice President Project Management Office
- Nicole Bradford Senior Vice President Compliance
- Lettie Ramos Senior Vice President Mortgage
- Mike Sarabia Senior Vice President Internal Audit
- Chris Tompkins Senior Vice President Chief Commercial Services Officer
- Jacque Valdez Senior Vice President Operations & Member Experience







## Chairman of the Board and President and CEO's Message

As we reflect on our past, we're reminded of a heartfelt story woven together by an enduring thread — one that spans more than 90 years of shaping financial futures and connecting people and communities. In 1932, our founders each gave \$5 of their own money to support El Pasoans. This was the start of a strong, meaningful *people helping people* philosophy that still exists today.

2024 marked an extraordinary year of engaging with our members and communities through affordable family fun and education in both Texas and New Mexico. Families and children were excited to work their way through the La Union Maze in New Mexico. We were also proud to be first-time sponsors of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta as well as the Hatch Chile Festival. In March 2025, we'll open our very first branch in Las Cruces, New Mexico! The transformational power of education changes the lives of students, their families and the broader community. That's why we're honored to support distinguished schools like the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of Texas at El Paso, New Mexico State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. We're excited to see the upcoming graduation of GECU-sponsored dental students from the very first cohort in the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.

We're also proud to serve our military community throughout Texas, New Mexico and beyond! While words can never fully express our gratitude for the sacrifices made by our military service members and their families, we are committed to acknowledging and thanking them for their service to our nation. As a Purple Heart Credit Union, we are dedicated to offering support to active-duty service members, Reserves, National Guard, Veterans and their families. We're truly grateful our members look to us for support in pursuing their financial dreams! Whether that dream is to have reliable transportation, save for the future, or manage your own business, you can depend on us to provide the services you need. We were honored to make homeownership a reality for many families and individuals in new areas like Austin, Central Texas and Southern New Mexico. Wherever you are in these two beautiful states, we have the mortgage solutions to make your homeownership journey a reality.

Providing digital services is another way we've invested in your financial future! Remote access to your credit union from the comfort of your home gives you more time with family and more time to do important tasks. The GECU Chat is available on both desktop and your mobile phone to get quick answers to your questions. Our Person-to-Person or "P2P" service has become a popular, fast and convenient way to connect to others to make payments without involving a third-party. We've forged a deep connection with our communities through the philanthropic work of the GECU Foundation. Your generosity raised more than \$1 million in 2024 to make a positive difference in health, education, hunger and much more. Your impact in these areas was made greater through our first Matching May campaign where the Foundation matched the funds raised for 12 nonprofit organizations in El Paso, Texas. We'd like to express our gratitude for believing in our mission to elevate the lives of countless individuals and families through giving.

Each community, with its unique needs and dreams, is connected by this common thread of putting people first and encouraging financial empowerment. As a member-owner, you are an integral part of the credit union movement that puts the power in your hands to achieve financial well-being.

Thank you for your loyal membership!



Gregory Watters

Gregory J. Watters Chairman of the Board



Crystal Long

Crystal Long GECU President & CEO





## Supervisory Committee Report

The Supervisory Committee is responsible for ensuring that there is appropriate oversight of GECU's required financial-reporting objectives and for ensuring that the established practices and procedures are sufficient to safeguard members' assets in accordance with the law.

The Supervisory Committee is assisted by GECU's Internal Audit Department, which conducts comprehensive internal audits throughout the year, ensuring that: 1) accounting records and reports are prepared promptly and that they accurately reflect operations and results; 2) established internal controls are effectively maintained and that they adequately protect the credit union, its assets, members, management and employees; and 3) each area of the credit union is carrying out the plans, policies and procedures for which it is responsible as directed by the Board of Directors.

The Supervisory Committee also oversees the annual comprehensive audit conducted by the independent, certified public accounting firm of Doeren Mayhew.



Their examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As a result of the internal and independent audits, the Supervisory Committee believes that the financial statements included in the 2024 Annual Report\* fairly present the financial condition of GECU for the year ending December 31, 2024.

We appreciate GECU's Board of Directors, management and staff for their cooperation.

\*A full copy of GECU's 2024 financial statements may be obtained by contacting the office of Crystal Long, GECU President and CEO.



Ricardo Soto Chairman

Ricardo Soto



Melisa Guevara



Michael White

### Community Impact **Statements**

The difference we make in our communities wouldn't be possible without our members, employees, volunteers, and community partners - thank you for everything you do!

# VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

13,450 total tax returns filed

**\$17 MILL** in tax refunds free of charge

**\$2.4 MILL** saved in tax-preparation fees

GECU FOUNDATION \$146,675 (14%) United Way of El Paso County \$153,929 (15%) Health services \$292,829 (28%) Education \$455,535 (43%) Community

\$1,048,968 in philanthropic giving

\$130,591 in employee contributions

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT



meals served at Mi Comunidad Center's food pantry



gifts provided at the holiday fundraiser



holiday meals provided at the holiday fundraiser



backpacks with supplies distributed at the back-to-school fundraiser



pounds of non-perishable items for Casa de Peregrinos



deployment care packages provided to deployed soldiers

### SUPPORTING **EDUCATION**

UTEP Banking Academy > GECU Terrace at the UTEP Sun Bowl Stadium TTUHSC Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine Burrell College for Osteopathic Medicine



people reached through financial well-being outreach

### COMMUNITY **SPONSORSHIPS**

- > Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
- > El Paso WinterFest
- > Hatch Chile Festival
- > La Union Maze
- > imira! Las Cruces
- > Amigo Airsho
- > Holloman Airshow
- > NMSU Noche de Luminarias

### **OFFICIAL CREDIT UNION/PARTNER**

- > El Paso Chihuahuas
- > El Paso Locomotive FC
- > UTEP Athletics
- > NMSU Athletics

### PRESENTING PARTNER

> El Paso Locomotive FC Youth Soccer

# **COMMUNITY AWARDS**

FORBES 2024 Best-in-State Credit Unions in Texas

#### EL PASO INC.

2024 Best of El Paso > Best Credit Union

> Best Commercial/Personal Lender

#### **EL PASO TIMES**

2024 Best of The Border **Community Choice Awards** > Best Credit Union

#### AMERICA'S CREDIT IION AWARD

2024 Diamond Award > Roias and Eastlake branch model

#### **UNITED WAY OF EL PASO**

2024 Arco de Oro Award > Most charitable giving

#### **MILITARY AWARDS**

**Purple Heart Credit Union** > Supporting our nation's Veterans **Community Partner of the Year** > Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

**Omar N. Bradley Chapter** 







## Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

ASSETS	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,153,405	\$ 93,483,038
Investment Securities:		
Equity securities	57,187,053	54,098,981
Held-to-maturity	580,095,635	776,030,923
Available-for-sale debt securities	2,318,788	3,728,174
FHLB stock	24,028,400	28,445,100
Loans held-for-sale	1,755,920	2,299,322
Loans to members, net of allowance for credit losses	3,335,900,771	3,232,230,007
Accrued interest receivable	15,273,829	14,582,620
Property and equipment	69,740,250	69,468,137
NCUSIF deposit	31,019,037	30,700,120
Life insurance contracts	44,922,299	43,542,098
Split dollar deferred compensation plan	18,964,510	18,483,866
Other assets	35,466,727	33,665,961
Total assets	\$4,321,826,624	\$4,400,758,347
Insured by NCUA.		

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LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	2024	2023
Liabilities:		
Members' shares and savings accounts	\$3,286,661,993	\$3,291,038,123
Borrowed funds	455,000,000	563,500,000
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	46,518,623	62,316,467
Total liabilities	\$3,788,180,616	\$3,916,854,590
Members' equity:		
Undivided earnings	533,598,155	483,997,603
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	47,853	(93,846)
Total members' equity	\$ 533,646,008	\$ 483,903,757
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$4,321,826,624	\$4,400,758,347

## Consolidated Statements of Income

Interest income:	2024	2023
Loans receivable Investment securities	\$237,019,006 14,076,255	\$200,388,259 14,637,840
Total interest income	251,095,261	215,026,099
Interest expense: Members' shares and savings accounts Interest on borrowed funds	48,734,171 21,528,338	33,793,234 23,794,048
Total interest expense	70,262,509	57,587,282
Net interest income	180,832,752	157,438,817
Net provision for credit losses	38,659,100	26,308,694
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	142,173,652	131,130,123

	2024	2023
Non-interest income:		
Gains on sale of loans	1,141,645	1,105,327
Gain on equity securities	3,254,530	4,637,473
Other income	1,888,602	1,624,611
Fees and charges and other operating income	80,832,920	77,239,570
Total non-interest income	87,117,697	84,606,981
Non-interest expenses:		
Compensation and benefits	75,269,775	74,417,073
Occupancy	11,037,495	10,232,261
Office operations	72,511,696	72,768,335
Other operating expenses	20,871,831	15,701,435
Total non-interest expenses	179,690,797	173,119,104
Net income	\$ 49,600,552	\$ 42,618,000





## Services

#### **SHARES & DEPOSITS**



#### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

Bump-up Certificate Accounts Business Checking Accounts Certificate Accounts Christmas Club Accounts Credit Builder Certificate Accounts GECU Miners Kids Club Youth Savings Accounts Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) Money Market Accounts No Excuse IRA Certificate Accounts Personal Checking Accounts Second Chance Checking Accounts Share (savings) Accounts Youth Accounts

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LOANS

Business Loans Credit Builder Loans Deposit-secured Loans GECU Empowerment Mastercard® credit card GECU Fast Cash® GECU Rewards Mastercard® credit card Home Equity Loans Home Improvement Loans Home Mortgage Loans Lines of Credit New and Used Auto Loans Personal Loans VA Home Loans Zero-down Home Loans ATMs – 80,000+ surcharge-free ATMs nationwide Audio-response Phone System (24-hour account information) Automatic Transfers (between GECU accounts) Business Cash-management System Card Control Credit Score **Chip-enabled Credit and Debit Cards Community Boardrooms Direct Deposits Domestic Wire Transfers** Drive-up Personal Tellers **GECU Blog GECU Contact Center** GECU Chat with Dru GECU Loan Center GECU Mascot Dru Blue **GECU Mobile Banking** GECU Online Banking – gecu.com ImagineU – Online Education Videos Instant-issue Credit and Debit Cards Mobile-wallet Contactless Payments Mobile-wallet-supported Credit and Debit Cards Real-time deposit-taking ATMs -1.500+ nationwide Safe Deposit Boxes Welcome Home El Paso Down Payment Assistance Zelle®



## Locations\*

EL PASO, TEXAS Airway & Edgemere 1245 Airway Boulevard (Drive-thru facility)

Alameda & Ysleta 8936 Alameda Avenue

Artcraft & Upper Valley 6101 Upper Valley Road

Campbell & Mills 218 North Campbell Street, Suite 100

Cohen & US-54 4521 Cohen Avenue

Dyer & Diana 9435 Dyer Street

Eastlake & Darrington 13750 Eastlake Boulevard

**Edgemere & Rich Beem** 12801 Edgemere Boulevard, Building A

El Paso Community College Valle Verde Campus 919 Hunter Drive, First Floor

**GECU Community Development** 6801 Viscount Boulevard, Suite A

GECU Investment Services\*\* 7227 Viscount Boulevard

**GECU Mortgage at CareFree Town Center** 1265 Joe Battle Boulevard, Suite B106

Helen of Troy & Resler 7410 Helen of Troy Drive

Lee Trevino & Vista Del Sol 1545 North Lee Trevino Drive

Mesa & Doniphan 7955 North Mesa Street, Suite B Mesa & Mesa Hills 5710 North Mesa Street

Montwood & Desert Sun 12400 Montwood Drive

North Loop & Horizon Boulevard 10860 North Loop Drive

**Operations Center** 1225 Airway Boulevard

Oregon & University 2208 North Oregon Street

Piedras & Yandell 716 North Piedras Street

Rojas & Eastlake 12598 Rojas Drive

Rojas & Zaragoza 11987 Rojas Drive

Sean Haggerty & Marcus Uribe 11400 Sean Haggerty Drive, Building D, Suite 401

**Transmountain & Dyer** 5645 Transmountain Road (Drive-thru facility)

Trawood & George Dieter 3037 Trawood Drive (Drive-thru facility)

Viscount & Airway 7227 Viscount Boulevard

Vista Del Sol & Yarbrough 10425 Vista Del Sol Drive

Yarbrough & North Loop 429 Yarbrough Drive

#### LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

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Not credit union deposits or obligations	May lose value	

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