**Female voice:** For credit unions, helping people is a mission, a passion, a calling. In everything we do, credit unions are difference makers.

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**Brittany:** Hi, I’m Brittany Hockenberry, filling in for Erin Doan. Welcome to Difference Makers! Joining me again is our favorite on-site reporter, Jaime Agostino.

**Jaime:** Thanks, Brittany! I’m happy to be back! Let’s dive right into these credit union difference maker stories!

**Brittany:** First up, we are going to Truliant Federal Credit Union in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In 2019, Truliant invested more than $550,000 to support more than 30 local communities located in the Carolinas and Virginia. One of Truliant’s most extensive contribution programs is the Community Mini Grant program. Truliant awarded $1,000 each to 27 nonprofits to help increase their ability to serve their communities. *(photos)*

**Jaime:** And in order to increase their community involvement, they implemented an updated Employee-Volunteer Program.

**Brittany:** And what did that entail?

**Jaime:** The updated program offered all 700 full-time employees up to 16 paid hours of volunteer time to support any school or nonprofit organization of their choosing. In its first year, Truliant employees contributed more than, get this, **800** volunteer hours!

**Brittany:** That’s incredible! Keep up the great work Truliant! What’s our next story, Jaime?

**Jaime:** This one comes from Gerber Federal Credit Union in Fremont, Michigan. Gerber FCU donated $50,000 to the Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center for its ‘Your History, Our Legacy’ campaign. The credit union’s president and CEO John P. Buckley, Jr. said, “The museum is an essential component to the education of Newaygo County residents.”

**Brittany:** A very generous donation. Great job Gerber FCU. Our next story is a heartwarming one from Temple, Texas. PenFed Credit Union employees and community members attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new children’s helicopter playscape at the Olin E. Teague Veterans’ Medical Center. The child-friendly play area was funded by a more than $22,000 donation from PenFed CU.

**Jaime:** Veterans receiving care at the medical center can now spend quality fun time with their visiting little loved ones in this 30-ft. long helicopter complete with swings and slides. Fun fact, this is the first VA helicopter playscape in the nation!
Brittany: Such a great project for our veterans and their families!

Jaime: It certainly is! Our last story comes from PSECU in Harrisburg, PA. PSECU sponsored the 13th annual Pink Zone game, an event which aims to raise awareness, funds and support for breast cancer research. The Pink Zone is a non-profit of Penn State University dedicated to breast cancer.

Brittany: PSECU proudly contributed $3,000 to the cause, making this it’s fifth consecutive year of support. This year’s Pink Zone took place at the Penn State women’s basketball game. Looks like everyone had a great time!

Jaime: I’ll say…look at those pictures!

Brittany: And Vizo Financial is busy as ever too! Take a look at the organizations we’ll be supporting in our communities this year.

Jaime: Everything we do this year will be dedicated to helping raise funds and volunteer for these great organizations!

Brittany: By working together, all of us can make an impact in our communities. Credit unions have certainly proven that, haven’t they?

Jaime: Without a doubt! So let’s hear it…tell us what you’re doing to make a difference.

Brittany: Email your community involvement stories to differencemakers@vfccu.org so we can share them with the world!

Jaime: As always, thank you all for fulfilling our mission of people helping people.

Jaime & Brittany: Credit unions ARE difference makers!

[Happy music playing]

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