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Clouds moving against a blue sky.

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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Erin: Hi, I'm Erin Doan, administration and community relations director for Vizo Financial. Welcome to Difference Makers! I'd like to introduce you to my fellow community enthusiast, Brittany.

Brittany: Hi, everyone! Lending a helping hand, making a difference is what we credit unions are all about. I'm super excited to see what you've all been up to. Erin, would you do the honors for our first story?

Erin: Absolutely! Our first stop is at Summit Credit Union in Greensboro, North Carolina. It's fall, which means school is back in session. In that spirit, Summit Credit Union awarded more than \$65,000 in scholarships through their Elizabeth H. and James V. Hamilton Scholarship Fund.

Brittany: Wait a minute...did you say \$65,000? That's incredible!

Erin: Yup, and the money was given to 65 members, adults and high school seniors attending any sort of higher education program. Here's a collage of photos showcasing some of those scholarship winners!

Brittany: Awesome...let's keep the momentum going! Who's up next?

Erin: Educational Systems Federal Credit Union in Greenbelt, Maryland. The credit union also showed their school spirit at Prince George's County Public School's annual "Stuff-A-Bus" event. They donated 2,000 backpacks for this year's event.

Brittany: I heard the backpacks were given to some of the district's middle school students. Is that right?

Erin: It is! The students received their backpacks on August 17 at the initiative's Back to School Block Party. Kudos to Educational Systems FCU for being a part of that!

Brittany: I'm loving these stories! Let's see what we've got from Sharonview Federal Credit Union in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Erin: This is a really fun one! In July, Sharonview FCU sponsored a Salute the Troops night for the Gastonia Grizzlies baseball game. The credit union's president and CEO, Bill Partin, even threw the first pitch!

Brittany: And as a bonus, they gave 30 tickets to kids with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston, as well as The Lighthouse – Gaston County Children's Advocacy Center.

Erin: Sounds like such a fun night!

Brittany: Definitely...I wish I could've been there!

Erin: Lastly, we're heading to Nymeo Federal Credit Union in Frederick, Maryland.

Brittany: I'm ready...tell me all about it!

Erin: Well, as a partner of Frederick County Public Schools, they worked in tandem with the Maryland Food Bank to provide funding for school food pantries.

Brittany: Check out these photos from the food pantry events that provided meals to those in need.

Erin: So, Brittany, what do you think? Credit unions are pretty amazing, aren't they?

Brittany: Based on what we heard today, I think amazing is an understatement. They're difference makers, for sure.

Erin: I agree. And here at Vizo Financial, we're doing our best to make a difference too. Remember our hot dog eating contest?

Brittany: I sure do!

Erin: Let's take a quick look back.

Brittany: That was a great day.

Erin: It was, and it was our biggest one yet. 19 sponsors, 10 contestants, \$5,000 raised...the turnout was incredible, all thanks to our fellow credit unions. All the funds were donated to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at our local Penn State Children's Hospital. Thank you so much to everyone who made it possible!

Brittany: And just last week, we made our way down to North Carolina for Victory Junction's Run to Victory event. How was it?

Erin: Let's take a look...

Erin: Now we're challenging all you credit unions out there to speak up!

Brittany: Email your community involvement stories to differencemakers@vfccu.org and guess what? You might see it in a future episode!

Erin: Thank you all for fulfilling our mission of people helping people.

Erin & Brittany: Credit unions ARE difference makers!

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