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**WFCU Credit Union Team Member Recognized as one of the  
40 Leaders Under 40 by Leadership Windsor Essex.**

**Windsor, ON** – Leadership Windsor/Essex (LWE) recently announced their 40 Leaders Under 40 Award recipients. WFCU Credit Union is very proud and honoured to have a member of our team included in this list of emerging leaders. Celesta Gaba, WFCU Credit Union Human Resources Coordinator will be recognized at the awards ceremony on March 28, 2018 at Caesars Windsor.

The Leadership Windsor/Essex 40 Leaders Under 40 Awards recognizes 40 civic-minded community leaders who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Windsor-Essex County by selflessly undertaking goodwill activities and by providing community service for the betterment of the region.

There were over 150 nominations submitted for this program and WFCU Credit Union is proud to have Celesta Gaba included in the final list of the top 40 recipients. The top 40 award recipients were selected by an advisory panel with representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors in Windsor and Essex County. Recipients were selected based on their active community involvement, meaningful impact on the community and the impact their actions have had to inspire others with their leadership and advocacy.

Celesta is actively involved in the community through mentoring with Big Brothers Big Sisters; her commitment to ministry at St. Vincent de Paul as a Parish Volunteer and by educating new Canadians as an English as a Second Language educator for the Windsor Public Library. Within the credit union, Celesta demonstrates leadership coordinating the annual FUNdraising campaign, which through the participation of our employees has raised over \$15,000. These funds have been used to support local cancer patients and their families.

“WFCU Credit Union takes pride in our recruitment process to seek the best and brightest in their field and provide for them a progressive work environment with the opportunity for growth and advancement. Having a member of our staff be recognized as one of the 40 Leaders Under 40, is a reflection of the compassionate, professional and community minded individuals WFCU Credit Union hires to be part of our team,” stated Eddie Francis, President and CEO WFCU Credit Union. “The 40 Leaders Under 40 Awards provides an

opportunity for up and coming community leaders to be recognized and encouraged to continue with their stewardship as they further pursue their careers”.

“We are very proud of Celesta for her volunteerism and compassion she has shown for the organizations she supports,” said Sheila Geddes, Vice President, Human Resources. “Our community will continue to thrive with young civic minded individuals like Celesta and the recipients of the 40 Leaders Under 40”.

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### **ABOUT WFCU CREDIT UNION**

WFCU Credit Union has long been recognized as one of the leading, progressive financial organizations in the City of Windsor and Essex County. Serving Windsor and surrounding communities for over 75 years, WFCU Credit Union began in 1941 with assets of less than \$10,000 and now has \$3.929 billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$5.3 billion. The credit union is the sixth largest in Ontario, operating nine retail locations and serving 38,831 members including 34,855 Personal members in 17,966 households, 2,588 Businesses and 1,388 Organizations. Membership is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Ontario. With a long-standing mission to ‘provide services and a full range of highest quality financial products to make our community the best place to live and work’, WFCU Credit Union stands true to its vision ‘*WFCU Credit Union – Quality, Convenience, Innovation, Open to Everyone and Yours to Own*’. For more information on WFCU Credit Union visit [wfcu.ca](http://wfcu.ca). - November 2017

### **ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP WINDSOR/ESSEX PROGRAM**

Leadership Windsor/Essex is a program of United Way that began 16 years ago with the goal of identifying and building strong civic-minded leaders. LWE is one of 22 leadership programs across Canada and is a non-profit voluntary program that provides community experiences, knowledge and skill building opportunities for rising leaders from all sectors of the community, and creates leadership capacity to support the community-based voluntary sector and to help build a strong Windsor-Essex County. LWE Alumni are a network of people from different sectors of the community who can work together to strengthen the community.