

# Pathways Financial Credit Union Welcomes SMART Federal Credit Union Members



Columbus, OH – On November 1, 2024, Pathways Financial Credit Union acquired SMART Federal Credit Union, welcoming its members into the Pathways family. This merger provides SMART members with expanded financial services, enhanced banking technology, and access to a larger network of branches throughout Central Ohio, Dayton, and Southwest Ohio.

“On behalf of the staff and management of Pathways Financial Credit Union, we are thrilled to welcome SMART Federal Credit Union members to their new credit union,” said Michael Shafer, CEO of Pathways. “We look forward to serving their financial needs and helping fulfill the goals of all our members.”

As part of the transition, the SMART Federal Credit Union branch at 3454 North High Street temporarily closed in early November to facilitate the merger and has now reopened as a Pathways Financial Credit Union branch, allowing members to take advantage of expanded services and the convenience of multiple Pathways locations throughout Ohio.

“Pathways is excited to expand its network of locations in Columbus and bring the future of banking to a larger audience,” said Greg Kidwell, President of Pathways.

Pathways’ presence in Clintonville adds to the area’s existing financial institutions, offering members an expanded range of financial products and services. The credit union’s approach prioritizes accessibility, competitive rates, and member-focused service.

In addition to branch access, members have a variety of financial services available, including checking and savings accounts, lending options, and business banking solutions. As a member-owned, not-for-profit institution, Pathways focuses on financial education and guidance while maintaining lower fees and

competitive rates. Pathways branches are open for service Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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**About Pathways:** *Pathways Financial Credit Union is a member owned, not for profit full service financial institution with assets of over \$584 million, serving over 49,000 consumer and business members with 12 branch locations throughout Central Ohio, the Dayton / Springfield area, and Southern Ohio.*

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