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**NOTRE DAME FCU SAVES MEMBERS OVER \$500,000 SO FAR THIS YEAR!
Million Dollar Savings Challenge a Huge Success**

Notre Dame, Indiana – [May 3, 2012](#) - In today's economic landscape, it has become more common for people to search for ways to save money. Between payday, bills, and life's unscheduled events, financial comfort is no longer standard, it's the exception. "We have many products and services available to help ease the financial burden for most people, we just needed to create an opportunity to share with people how we can help," said Tom Gryp, President and CEO of Notre Dame FCU. "That's why the Million Dollar Savings Challenge was born!"

Notre Dame FCU's focus this year was to design more ways to take an active role in bettering the financial lives of people, both members and non-members. The Million Dollar Savings Challenge was the starting point for this mission. "Not everyone knows about all of the products and services our credit union has to offer, that's why it is our job to work with our members to look at the whole picture. It's then, when we can begin to clearly understand which offerings can truly help them." The goal of the Million Dollar Savings Challenge is to save people at least 2% on an existing non-NDFCU loan or the applicant will receive \$25. Because they have so many lending solutions available, it was an easy commitment for Notre Dame FCU to make. Applying for a new loan, refinancing a loan from another financial institution, or transferring their high-rate debt to one of their low-rate credit cards are all ways individuals may benefit from the Million Dollar Savings Challenge.*

"We take this commitment very seriously. So much so, that we wanted to hold ourselves accountable by selecting the significant dollar amount of \$1,000,000. Reaching this number would define overachievement of the program's success," said Gryp. The program's design was meant to be interactive and measurable so that the daily actions of NDFCU employees would be reflected in the accomplishment associated with reaching the \$1,000,000 in loan savings goal. This effort has helped people refinance their loans and reduce monthly payments, giving them peace of mind, and getting them closer to financial security. Phenomenal stories have surfaced about how the Notre Dame FCU family has helped better many individuals' financial situations. Some of which will be featured in their upcoming television commercials revealing, at a personal level, how the Million Dollar Savings Challenge has specifically helped them.

In mid-April, Notre Dame FCU reported over \$500,000 in loan savings through the Million Dollar Savings Challenge. The momentum continues as individuals "take the challenge" and get closer to an outcome that more comfortably meets their individual situation. Other efforts that support Notre Dame FCU's choice to reposition their focus from a rate driven institution to one that supplies financial empowerment tools are the implementation of their online Loan

Saver® calculator, becoming a certified administrator of Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*, and offering three undergraduate scholarships.

“One million is definitely on the early horizon,” said Gryp, “we look forward to the celebration associated with reaching our goal and hearing more life-changing stories that fueled this achievement.”

For more information about the Million Dollar Savings Challenge please visit ndfcu.org or call 800/522-6611.

*Excludes mortgages and student loans, refinances of existing NDFCU loans do not qualify.

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