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# Horizon Credit Union Selects Sharetec's Innovative Core Processing Solution

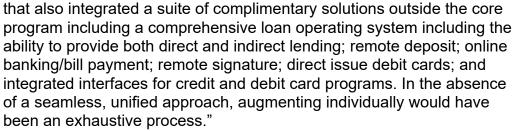
When Horizon Credit Union set out to replace their existing system with a new and improved core processing solution, they had specific enhancement goals in mind. According to Beverly Boling, Horizon's CEO, their financial institution required a smart solution - one that would offer the perfect combination of an innovative core processing system and a knowledgeable, supportive service provider. "We were looking to greatly improve our credit union's overall functionality to enhance our daily processes and the level of service we provide to our members. We also sought to achieve a better value for our investment," states Beverly. "Therefore, when we learned about Sharetec's long list of benefits, we took the next step and requested a demonstration. We wanted to determine if the system would fully meet our needs, and if the people behind the solution would adequately support us."

## Northern Indiana Federal Credit Union Partners with Sharetec Core System

In 2019, NIFEDCU's Board & Management Team participated in Strategic Planning where it was determined that the CU had to offer the same products, programs, and technology offered by larger, traditional financial

institutions. Technology and innovation emerged as key priorities. As a result, it was determined that NIFEDCU needed a new core system.

Christine Biasi, President & CEO, explained "In order to position NIFEDCU for future growth, it was essential that we partner with a company that not only provided an innovative system, but one



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# **COVID Update**

# Sharetec Offers Assurance and Assistance to Credit Unions and Their Members

During these uncertain times, most credit unions have members who are struggling with financial obligations such as auto loans, house payments and service fees,



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and often times, cash shortages due to extenuating circumstances. As a responsive partner, Sharetec has stepped up to make numerous measures available to many of its credit unions and their members across the country who may be dealing with issues related to the ongoing COVID crisis.

To assist credit unions in better servicing members and to help them through these potentially disruptive times, Sharetec has reached out to these financial institutions to announce these specific measures that they would make available to them, which include:

- · Temporarily waiving late fees for all loans
- · Turning off the Regulation D limitations so members can freely move funds to transactional accounts
- · Temporarily waiving overdraft fees until a certain date
- · Temporarily waiving excessive transaction fees until a certain date
- · Helping to incorporate a skip payment(s) program if the credit union does not already have one
- · Increasing debit card limits, if controlled by Sharetec
- · Waiving penalties for early CD withdrawals
- · Waiving monthly service fees

As credit unions continue to change how they service their members, Sharetec is well prepared to adapt to their shifting needs. We are fortunate in that our business and IT infrastructure are easily transitioned to a remote environment, whenever such a move becomes necessary. As many of Sharetec's support team members continue to work from the safety of their homes, they are effectively collaborating to serve credit unions as if they were in their usual office environments.

Sharetec wants to assure its credit unions that our business partnerships are invaluable, as is the financial well-being of the institutions and the members that we serve. We will remain poised to offer advice and assistance in regards to what the system and our company can do to alleviate any hardships that may arise. Rest assured, Sharetec will continue to be readily available to help its credit unions and their members - both now and into the future.



# Sharetec Users Conference Returns in 2021

The Sharetec Users Conference is an event Sharetec staff, business partners, and clients look forward to each year. This year out of concern for the well-being of all participants, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2020 conference due to COVID-19. The event has been rescheduled for September 12-15, 2021 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. All the excitement that was planned for 2020 – speakers, classes,

entertainment, business partners, and more will carry over to 2021! Register today to join us in 2021. This is one event you don't want to miss! Visit <u>www.sharetec.com/conference</u> for details.

# **Sharetec Anniversaries**

#### April

- \* Pipefitters Steamfitters CU 5 years
- \* Service Plus Credit Union 5 years
- \* FRSA Credit Union 10 years
- \* Health Systems CU 15 years
- \* KONE Employees CU 15 years
- \* Members First Community CU 20 years

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\* Settlers Federal Credit Union - 10 years

#### June

- \* Sheboygan Area Credit Union 10 years
- \* Altamaha Federal Credit Union 5 years





# **Refer a Credit Union**

**Do you know of a credit union who is looking for a new core banking system?** Refer them to Sharetec and we will send you an Amazon \$100 e-Gift card. (*Please note: To qualify for the e-Gift card, Sharetec must not be working with the referred credit union and an appointment must be set and completed.*) Your referral will remain confidential if you request it. Contact us today and tell us who is looking!

# **ALLIED PAYMENT NETWORK**

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#### CU Increases Transactions, Member Engagement by Spicing up Traditional Bill Payment Functionality

Credit union members appreciate the ease of using **Allied Payment Network** for their bill pay and person-to-person transactions; the adaptability to mobile offers them access wherever they are. This accessibility puts credit unions in a great position to be the full-service financial provider that many members seek, as it did for Members First Credit Union.

"Implementing both of Allied's services grew the number of members who use bill pay by **25%** and, in turn, these members increased usage on their checking accounts. Additionally, transactions initiated through PicturePay and P2P have increased approximately **50%** compared to our previous bill pay provider."

Jenny Kutz, Vice President



PicturePay technology allows members to pay bills and set up payees from their mobile phone by simply taking a photo of their bill. Allied's P2P solution provides real-time person-to-person transaction speed, allowing recipients to accept payments through standard ACH or in real time to their debit cards.

To read the full case study visit https://www.bradfordscott.com/case-studies.

# **Product Highlights**

#### **Easy Saver**

Sharetec provides the products and services that keep your members happy and loyal.

With Sharetec's Easy Saver Program, members can increase their savings with each debit transaction they make. When a purchase is made, their transaction will be rounded to the nearest dollar and the difference is added to their savings account. Members can sit back and watch their bank accounts grow.

Member pays \$3.78 for coffee at Starbucks... Sharetec will round the total to \$4.00... and deposit \$.22 in your member savings account.

Contact Sharetec today to learn more about Sharetec's Easy Saver Program!

#### **Fraud Alerts**

Protecting your members from fraud is more difficult today than it has ever been in the history of banking, which is why Sharetec provides "real-time" fraud monitoring. Our fraud system is actively on the look-out for suspicious activity.

Sharetec's Fraud Alerts will notify you if a fraudulent situation is uncovered, whether it be during a member search, a member transaction, new member enrollment, new share or loan openings, or batch postings. The security alerts are based on a set of fraud conditions established in the Fraud Alert control and are completely credit union defined so that you can adjust them to your specific tolerance level.

Contact us today to find out how you can protect your members from fraud with Sharetec's Fraud Alerts.

#### Automation

With Sharetec's Automated Processing you can automatically transfer and post files like ACH, Share Draft, ATM Debit, OFAC, ACH and Share Draft Returns, FIDM, Bill Pay, Statements, and Positive Balance. Employees can focus on managing member relationships, and as a result, the processing power of your credit union will increase greatly. You will never have to download, upload or post a transmission file again.

- No more redundant delays
- Streamline daily operations
- · Less fees, more opportunity
- Save time and money

Sharetec's Automated Processing will simplify your daily tasks, allowing you more time for your members. Sharetec's Automated Processing is one of our most popular products. It allows you to serve your members more efficiently because your time will be freed up from tasks you have to do manually today. Happy members plus a happy staff - everyone wins.

Contact us today for more information.

## Tip of the Week

These TIPS are great for tellers, loan officers, and any Sharetec user! These helpful tips are sent by email every Friday and include hints, procedures, best practices, and miscellaneous items. If you have a tip you would like to share, email Megan at <u>mjohnson@bradfordscott.com</u>.

#### **Reprint a Report**

Need to reprint a report? Go to Tools in any workspace, report viewer, locate the report that you would like to reprint right click on that report and choose the reprint option, this will let you choose which stream to reprint or you can choose all.

#### **Run OFAC Outside of the Normal Process**

If you need to run an OFAC outside of the normal process, users can go to Tools in Teller Workspace and click on OFAC. This will let you fill in the blanks in order for users to enter in the information, then click on save and your report will show in the top browser.



#### PowerUsers

Around 50% of our Sharetec customers participate in daily discussions using our free email list serve, **PowerUsers@bradfordscott.com**. To be a part of PowerUsers, please email Courtney Bowlin at **cbowlin@bradfordscott.com**.

# **Office Source**

Bradford-Scott Data Corporation is your one-stop shopping destination for all of your paper and ink supplies.

#### OUR RECEIPT ROLLS ARE BPA SAFE!

Bradford-Scott offers Thermal, Single Ply and Double Ply receipt rolls that are BPA safe. Pricing is as follows:



Double ply - \$85 per 50 roll case Single ply - \$63 per 50 roll case Thermal - \$147 per 50 roll case \*pricing subject to change



You can also purchase the ribbons for your receipt printers from us!

Email <u>mhuff@bradfordscott.com</u> or call Michelle at 317-713-2065 to place your order today.

As always Bradford-Scott Office Source has competitive pricing and quick turnaround time on all orders and your satisfaction is our top priority.

# After Hours Pager Support

If pager support is needed during the pager hours listed below and one of the following situations applies, there will be no charge for the pager call:

- 1. Page is during normal credit union business hours <u>and</u> the issue can be resolved remotely.
- 2. Page is for a down Sharetec system and would prevent the credit union from opening for business <u>and</u> the issue can be resolved remotely.

#### **Billable Rates**

\$255 - Calls placed within defined pager support hours.\$330 - Outside defined pager support hours and holidays.

#### **Normal Pager Support Hours**

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. EDT to 8:00 a.m. EDT and 5:00 p.m. EDT to 9:00 p.m. EDT (6-9 for Software)

#### **Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. EDT to 1:00 p.m. EDT



#### **Month - End Support Hours**

Weekdays: Extended office hours until 9:00 p.m. EDT

#### Weekend:

Extended Saturday pager hours: 1:00 p.m. EDT - 5:00 p.m. EDT Sunday pager hours: arranged in advance \$330 per hour

- \* Calls placed outside pager hours will be returned at 7:00 a.m. EDT on Monday Friday or 9:00 a.m. EDT on Saturday.
- \* If the page cannot be handled remotely, charges for travel and labor will apply.
- \* If page is deemed billable, it will be subject to a minimum 1-hour charge.

# **Video Training Series**

If your credit union would like specific webinar training, we offer customized webinars to address your training needs. To arrange training, please contact Judy Fleming at <u>jfleming@bradfordscott.com</u>.



Sharetec also offers free training at our office in Fort Wayne; these customized sessions can also be scheduled by contacting Judy Fleming.

We have produced almost 100 short (5 minutes or less) videos covering many areas of the Sharetec system. These short videos will help to reduce staff training time, as well as allow users to target a specific topic that meets their needs. Staff can view these quick videos during slow times, or a short window of time can be scheduled.

The most recent videos are below ...

- How to Create a Results Report (x5)
- How to Export a Results Report to Excel

<sup>14</sup>In our busy day to day service to our members, we got used to doing things a certain way. It's very rewarding to learn better ways to advance the credit union for our members' service. Our staff benefits greatly from a refresher course on things they had forgotten or didn't even know they could do to improve their daily processes.<sup>17</sup> Avestar Credit Union

We have a schedule of videos to produce, but are also looking for your ideas. If there is something you would like to see, contact Judy Fleming at <u>ifleming@bradfordscott.com</u> and we will work to create the content you are seeking.