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**U of I Employees Credit Union Surpasses \$200 Million Mark**

*Safe, Strong, & Secure – UIECU Begins 2009 With Record Growth*

**Champaign, IL** – The U of I Employees Credit Union (UIECU) recently attained record assets of more than \$200 million, elevating the Champaign County credit union to one of the 20 largest federally-insured credit unions in Illinois.

Amid significant changes in financial institutions and financial markets nationally and globally, UIECU has experienced healthy growth in membership, deposits, and loans.

“The credit union is well-positioned for continued growth,” said Greg Anderson, Executive Vice President. “We’ve added two new branches since the beginning of 2008 and we are confident that we will continue to support our members’ needs with the quality of service for which the credit union is known.”

The credit union ended 2008 with \$181 million in total assets. Since then, UIECU has seen assets increase by more than \$25 million to surpass the \$200 million level for the first time in its history. Increased membership levels, members’ desire for secure and insured deposits, and an increased trend in savings nationwide, all contributed to this growth.

The credit union is excited for the new opportunities to serve members that this continued growth brings. The credit union offers a full range of financial services including checking and savings account options, auto loans, mortgages, and credit cards. The credit union has also recently added a financial counseling service for members.

“In 2008, the credit union enjoyed a very successful year due in large part to our adherence to a traditional lending and investment philosophy,” Anderson said. “We do not underwrite nor do we invest in sub-prime mortgages, and as a result, have avoided the financial difficulties experienced by many large money center banks and brokerage firms. We do offer our members lending solutions that work for their situation, which helps support our continued growth.”

The U of I Employees Credit Union was founded in 1932, and today serves the University of Illinois community and anyone who lives or works in Champaign County. As a not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperative, the U of I Employees Credit Union’s goal is to improve the financial lives of its members. The credit union serves more than 35,000 member-owners at its four locations in Champaign-Urbana and on the web at [www.uiecu.org](http://www.uiecu.org).

For more information about the U of I Employees Credit Union, contact Greg Anderson at 217-278-7700, or visit [www.uiecu.org](http://www.uiecu.org).

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