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SAFE HARBOR MEMBER APPRECIATION GALA HELD

Hundreds Attend Gala to Recognize Credit Union Banking of Cannabis Industry

ARVADA, Colo. (Feb. 19, 2016) -- Safe Harbor Private Banking, a business banking subsidiary of Partner Colorado Credit Union and the leader in providing financial services to the underserved cannabis industry in Colorado, hosted its first Member Appreciation Gala on Feb. 16, 2016 at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colo.

Attended by more than 300 private banking members, industry influencers and guests, the event celebrated the credit union's first-year success in serving the needs of the underserved cannabis industry. The gala also spotlighted the cooperation and commitment of cannabis companies and legislators working together with Partner Colorado Credit Union to solve a banking problem and keep a community safe.

"Colorado had a cash management and community safety problem," Partner Colorado Credit Union CEO Sundie Seefried told the gathering, "and Partner Colorado Credit Union, now *your* credit union, a community focused, member-owned cooperative stepped up to the plate to solve that problem and improve safety. Because that's what credit unions do."

Seefried thanked Safe Harbor Private Banking members for their "cooperation and transparency" and the "industry education" that led to a successful program. "We worked relentlessly with the support of our Volunteer Board of Directors to develop a full scope program to achieve regulatory compliance and ensure banking continuity for the industry and safety for our communities. Colorado is safer, our members are safer, and you and your employees are safer today."

Approximately 30 legislators and state officials were also in attendance, as well as Congressmen Perlmutter and Polis, who both addressed the group.

The program closed with speaker Hugh Hempel, a healthcare “advocist” and father to identical twins with a rare and fatal disease referred to as Childhood Alzheimers. Hempel spoke about the journey to find helpful therapies, which led his family to cannabis medicines. You can hear about his compelling story at TED.com.

ABOUT PARTNER COLORADO CREDIT UNION

Established in 1931, Partner Colorado Credit Union is a member-owned not-for-profit cooperative with total assets exceeding \$300 million. The credit union serves more than 31,000 members throughout the Denver metro area. Partner Colorado offers a wide range of financial products and services, including checking, savings, home and auto loans. Members benefit from the advantages of a credit union, including lower interest rates on loans and higher yields on savings. Partner Colorado actively supports the community by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many Denver Metro area organizations. Partner Colorado is federally insured by the NCUA and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit partnercoloradocu.org

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