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ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION OPENS NEW MANCHESTER FINANCIAL CENTER

Ascend Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new Manchester financial center.

The facility, located at 1929 McArthur St., replaces the old Ascend financial center that was located at the same address.

"We are thrilled to offer this beautiful new facility as an updated means of access to our members," Ascend President and CEO Caren Gabriel said during the grand opening of the financial center on Thursday. "This new financial center is approximately 2,300 square feet larger than the previous building. It features an Internet kiosk to help members access their accounts online, a refreshment center, a kid's center, Member Service Rooms, and safe deposit boxes accessed via a biometric scanner."

During Thursday's grand opening, Ascend Board of Directors Chairman Randal Braker announced the credit union is returning \$8 million in bonus dividends and loan interest refunds to its members this year.

"To actually be able to return money in an economy like this speaks highly of the stability of this credit union and the loyalty of our members," Braker said. "We want to be the primary financial institution of choice for our member-owners in Coffee County. This year's \$8 million return and this new financial center will help make that happen."

Ascend Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution with 15 locations in Middle Tennessee. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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