



CHARTER OAK RECEIVES TOP 5-STAR RATING FOR 2017 Superior Ranking Indicates Credit Union's Strong Financial Condition

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Waterford, CT – March 27, 2018 – Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has earned the top 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial Inc. for its financial performance during 2017, affirming that Charter Oak remains one of the strongest financial institutions in the nation.

“We’re pleased to once again receive the top financial rating from BauerFinancial, which is an independent reflection of our true financial strength,” said Brian A. Orenstein, Charter Oak’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “And it’s very gratifying that BauerFinancial has once again recognized that we manage our finances here at Charter Oak in a very safe and sound manner for our members,” he said.

Charter Oak’s top 5-Star rating is based on December 31, 2017 financial data, which was made available by BauerFinancial in March 2018. BauerFinancial is the nation’s leading independent bank and credit union rating and research firm. The firm awards its top 5-Star rating only to those financial institutions that excel in their capital, asset quality, profitability and other financial areas.

Financial institutions that earn BauerFinancial’s top 5-Star rating are safe, financially sound and operating well above their regulatory capital requirements. The Coral Gables, Florida-based BauerFinancial compiles its financial data based on information reported to the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the governing federal agency for credit unions. For more information about BauerFinancial, please visit its website at www.BauerFinancial.com or call 800.388.6686.

Charter Oak is eastern Connecticut’s largest credit union with assets of \$1.04 billion as of December 31, 2017. Charter Oak has an expansive and convenient network of 16 branches serving New London and Windham counties, providing one of the largest and most convenient branch networks of any financial institution serving eastern Connecticut. For more information about Charter Oak’s broad range of products and services, please visit any of our convenient branches, or visit our website at CharterOak.org, or contact our Call Center at 860.446.8085 or 800.962.3237. Federally insured by NCUA. Equal Housing Lender.

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union is like a bank, just better! We’ve been proudly serving eastern Connecticut since 1939 and we offer great checking, deposit, lending, insurance and investment products. And because we’re a credit union, we’re owned by our members, not by shareholders. So we can offer lower rates on loans and higher rates on deposits. It’s easy to become a Charter Oak member: simply live, work, worship, learn, or volunteer in New London or Windham counties. So join today and see why Members Bank Better at Charter Oak! Learn more at CharterOak.org, or visit any of our convenient branches, or simply call 860.446.8085 or 800.962.3237.