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## **Volunteer sets milestone in new leadership position**

Rubbie Manson is the first female African-American to be elected board chair of Arsenal Credit Union, a not-for-profit financial institution headquartered in Arnold, Mo.

Manson has volunteered as a board director at the credit union for 10 years, during which time she has also served as board treasurer, secretary and vice chair. Because the credit union is not-for-profit, all board directors are volunteers.

"It has been my pleasure to serve our membership and learn about the business of credit unions," Manson says.

Manson isn't the first African-American to serve as board chair at the credit union, or even the first female. "We have a diverse group of volunteer leaders at Arsenal Credit Union, which reflects the wide array of members that we serve," says President/CEO Linda Allen. "We are proud to have Rubbie as our new board chair."

Manson has worked for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and its predecessor organizations since 1979, currently as a senior account executive with the Office of Global Support.

She was ordained in 1995 as a youth pastor and established the children's church at West End Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church. She is now a lead teacher in the Childhood Development Department at the St. Louis Dream Center.



*Manson, an ACU member for 17 years, was recently elected board chair.*

Manson has a Bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Maryville University and received a Master's degree in management from Webster University in 2005.

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*Arsenal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution with five branches in the St. Louis area. The credit union, founded in 1948, serves 20,000 members and has \$111 million in assets. The purpose of Arsenal Credit Union is to promote thrift among its members by affording them an opportunity for accumulating their savings; to create for them a source of credit at fair and reasonable rates of interest; to provide the opportunity for the members to use and control their money for their mutual benefit; and to assist in the financial education of members and people who live in the community.*