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Nominate a School for a Facility Makeover *Georgia United Foundation's School Crashers Program Returns*

Duluth, GA (March 1, 2019) – Georgia United Credit Union Foundation is now accepting nominations for their 6th Annual School Crashers[®] program. Community residents, educators, students and businesses are encouraged to recommend a Georgia school that would benefit from a facility improvement project. Nominations will be accepted March 1 - March 31, 2019, at gucufoundation.org. The top winner will be announced May 7, 2019.

School improvement projects, also known as “crashes”, are funded by the Georgia United Foundation and are performed by Georgia United Credit Union team members, community partners, sponsors and community volunteers. Nominated schools must be an accredited public or private elementary, middle or high school in the state of Georgia. The school named as the top winner will be chosen based on a compelling 250-word statement explaining why the school deserves a makeover. Supporting photos illustrating the area(s) in need of improvement are strongly encouraged. Project requests for structural, electrical, or plumbing enhancements will not be considered.

The School Crashers[®] program has provided 33 school makeovers totaling over one-million dollars in improvements over the last five years. In 2018, Rock Chapel Elementary School in Lithonia was named as top winner. The school received exterior and interior improvements including landscaping, painting, signage, courtyard STEM garden and custom murals throughout the school. In addition, faculty members received new school logo wear with their redesigned mascot to kick off the school year. Four additional schools were named as runner-up and received school improvement mini-makeovers, known as “mini-crashes”, over the summer. Photos and additional information can be found at gucufoundation.org.



Rock Chapel Elementary was named as 2018's top School Crashers winner and received a facility makeover to include a newly designed outside learning space with STEM garden and dry riverbed.

About the Georgia United Foundation

Georgia United Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for children and families in the communities they serve through impactful programs funded by way of corporate contributions and delivered through volunteerism from the credit union and community partners. The Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization and is the philanthropic arm of Georgia United Credit Union. For details on volunteering, participating or donating, visit gucufoundation.org.

About Georgia United Credit Union

Georgia United Credit Union is ranked as one of the top credit unions in Georgia with over \$1.3 billion in assets, 163,000 members and 19 branch locations. As a full-service financial institution, they offer competitive products and services for every stage of life. Visit gucu.org to learn more and follow the credit union on Facebook at facebook.com/GeorgiaUnitedCU, Twitter [@GAUnitedCU](https://twitter.com/GAUnitedCU) and Instagram [@gucucares](https://instagram.com/gucucares).

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