## SAVE TO WIN IMPACT: NORTH CAROLINA 2014

North Carolina completed an extremely successful second year in Save to Win. ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ I The participating credit unions in the state, after launching the product in January 2013, have seen just under \$4 million in cumulative savings through its first two years. Offered in seven credit unions, Save to Win (STW) ended the year with an impressive 1,920 unique accounts in the state. The product demonstrated a steady and consistent growth in accountholder balances, evidenced by an average year-end balance of $\$ 1,991$, up from the $\$ 1,132$ average in January. This is an especially encouraging number given that $74 \%$ of surveyed account holders were financially vulnerable.

For the second year in a row, the product continued to draw in a diverse accountholder base. Of the surveyed accountholders, $31 \%$ identified as a racial or ethnic minority. This is an exciting statistic because it further demonstrates that STW is an accessible entry point to the mainstream financial industry for historically marginalized populations.

Save to Win continued to build on an extremely promising first year in North Carolina, and with a $99 \%$ rollover rate, it is proving to be a lasting and sustainable product ${ }^{1 l}$. Accountholders' engagement with the product has been constant, as accounts that rolled over saw an average of $41 \%$ growth through December 2014. With nothing but encouraging numbers, Save to Win looks to be an extremely accessible and successful savings vehicle for North Carolinians, especially the financially vulnerable, for years to come.

SAVE TO WIN: A YEAR IN GRAPHS

\$1,602,401
Year-End Savings Total
74\%
of Accountholders were Financially Vulnerable

## SAVE TO WIN IMPACT: NORTH CAROLINA 2014

| 2014 YEAR FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE ACCOUNTHOLDERS ${ }^{\text {v }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE GROUP | DEFINITION | ACCOONOE SAYE TO WIN |
| Little to No Emergency Savings | Individuals who do not have enough funds set aside to cover three months worth of expenses | 59\% |
| Asset Poor | Individuals with $\$ 5,000$ or less in financial assets (excluding home equity) | 45\% |
| Low- to ModerateIncome | Individuals with household income of $\$ 40,000$ or less | 53\% |
| Single Parents | Single parents with one or more children | 16\% |
| High Debt | Individuals with over \$10,000 of debt | 53\% |
| Non-Savers | Individuals who reported that they were not regular savers before opening their STW account. | 49\% |
| Any Indicator of Financial Vulnerability | Accountholders who were non-savers, asset poor, <br> or low- to moderate-income | 85\% |

## ACCOUNT ACTIVITY AND ENGAGEMENT

## \$1,991:

Average account balance as of program year end 2014 VI

53\%:
Percent of accountholders earning one entry
or more per month VII

> 31\%:

Percent of accountholders who were people of color

69\%:
Percent of accountholders who said building
savings would make them more
likely to use other products at their
financial institution

## 1,334:

Accountholders with at least one deposit per month
\$250:
Median account balance as of year-end 2014

## 90\%:

Percent of accountholders who said Save to Win made them more excited about their financial institution

74\%:
Percent of families with accounts that are financially vulnerable

## NOTES

I. Save to Win is a registered service mark of D2D Fund, Inc.
II. Rollover accounts are accounts that reopen from one year to the next.
III. This represents the number of accounts active in December, 2014.
IV. Due to the difficulty of collecting data for analyses purposes, this represents 98.2\% of all active accounts in 2014.
V. 8.2\% of new Save to Win accountholders filled out surveys in North Carolina
VI. Average account balances based on active accounts open
in December 2014.
VII. Number of accounts earning
an entry per month is calculated
by examining accounts that earned an entry per month that they were open.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## This paper was prepared by

 employees of Doorways to Dreams (D2D) with data analysis and writing by Jerome Barnes. D2D's prize-linked savings work has been made possible by generouscontributions from the Ford Foundation and the W.K.
Kellogg Foundation. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of the Carolinas Credit Union League, the Michigan Credit Union League, and participating credit unions in North Carolina in making STW successful and increasing savings in their communities.

For more information on D2D's prize-linked savings work, visit us at http://www.d2dfund.org/ prize_linked_savings and join the Prize-Linked Savings Connection.

