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## **\$250 Share-It winner for May from Van Buren!**



**SHARE IT AND WIN!** – *NorState FCU member service representative Jessica Ayotte is pictured presenting Nancy Dumond Violette of Van Buren a winning Share-it Check for \$250. Violette is pictured with her daughter in law, Stacy Dumond and her son Blake Thivierge.*  
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**VAN BUREN**– “Sharing” has taken on a new meaning for one Maine credit union member, who recently won \$250 for her winning entry in Maine Credit Union’s Shared Branching Savings Tip Competition. NorState FCU was pleased to present Nancy Dumond Violette of Van Buren a \$250 check for sharing her tip, “Instead of buying wrapping paper for birthdays or holidays, hide the gifts and give the receiver clues to find it!”

Pictured with NorState employee Jessica Ayotte, is Violette and her daughter in law Stacy Dumond and Stacy’s son, Blake Thivierge.

Nancy’s innovative thinking helped Stacy during a recent birthday party for Blake.

Having forgotten to purchase wrapping paper, Nancy suggested to Stacy, that she hid the presents instead and give Blake riddles to help him find them.

“It was a fun and creative idea, that didn’t cost anything and was entertaining for all.” Commented Violette. Violette said 10% of her winnings will go into her 10% club at NorState FCU and the remainder will be used to purchase overdue gift for family.

Asked what she thought about being picked out of hundreds of statewide submissions, she said laughingly, “I thought it was a smart choice on their part, the people who picked it!”

Violette thinks Share-It is a wonderful incentive program for members and encourages all to go online and submit a money saving tip.

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The competition is part of a Shared Branching Campaign by Maine's Credit Unions. Credit unions throughout the state are involved, directing members to a microsite, [ShareItAndSave.org](http://ShareItAndSave.org), where they can share their own financial tip. Each month, the member who shares the most unique tip will be awarded \$250! The site also features a Shared Branch Locator, with which users can enter an address or intersection to find the three closest Shared Branches.

There are currently nearly 140 Shared Branching locations in Maine, and over 4,300 locations across the country and internationally. To find a location near you, or to share your savings tip, visit [ShareItAndSave.org](http://ShareItAndSave.org). Or, for a listing of the thousands of nationwide locations, visit [www.cuservicecenter.com](http://www.cuservicecenter.com).