



## Freedom Announces New President/CEO Mike MacPherson



Mike MacPherson

“Having served twelve years in a variety of management positions, including Chief Operating Officer and most recently as the interim President/CEO, there is no better qualified individual to serve as our credit union’s President/CEO,” said Mike Kaiser, Chairman of the Board. “As interim CEO,” Mr. Kaiser said, “Mike demonstrated his abilities to lead and guide

Freedom into the future. We are looking forward to his continued tenure with Freedom Federal Credit Union.”

Mike moved into the interim CEO role last October after serving as Chief Operating Officer of the credit union. In his career at Freedom, he has led efforts to increase member service and satisfaction, enhance business development and product innovation, as well as improve processes and efficiencies. Responsible for commercial business services, branch operations, marketing, lending and business development, Mike has been integral in Freedom's continued growth. Prior to his time at Freedom, Mike invested thirteen years with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, as Vice President Credit Operations and in Business Development. Mike has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Personnel Management from Towson University.

When asked about his new position Mike said, “For the last twelve years, I have served the credit union and am proud of the progress and growth we have achieved. I see great potential at Freedom, not only for our members, but for our staff and our community. I am honored to permanently assume the President/CEO role and continue my career at such a wonderful organization.”

## Help Freedom Support the Community

### Purse Collection Begins in July

Help support “Hope In Handbags” to raise funds for the Harford Family House. Donate new or gently-used handbags at any Freedom branch. The handbags will be auctioned off during a special event at the Bel Air Armory in September. Proceeds from the annual event will benefit Harford Family House, a local non-profit organization dedicated to supporting homeless families with children in Harford County.

### GEEF Back-to-School Collection Drive

Freedom has teamed up with Greater Excellence in Education Foundation (GEEF) to collect school supplies and monetary donations for the “Tools for School” collection drive. Drop off school supplies at any Freedom branch in August.

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## Kid’s Calendar Art Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the **twelve artists** whose entries were selected to be published in the 2017 Kids Art Calendar! [Click here to view all the winners artwork!](#) The winner’s names are listed below in order, as shown in the slideshow.

**Lindsay Young (17)**  
**Sam Tannahill (12)**  
**Devin Buchanon (11)**  
**Kendall Barnes (7)**  
**Kierra Sjole (8)**  
**Loralie Parsons (7)**

**Mackenzie Hamilton (12)**  
**Matthew Miles (11)**  
**Sydney Kennedy (8)**  
**Zachery Slattery (8)**  
**Camila Colvard (8)**  
**Tyler Mangold (5)**

For their creativity, each one has been awarded with either a Kindle tablet or Nabi! We also awarded three \$50 drawing prizes: one each to Cory Hand (6), Caden Parsons (9), and Lindsay Young (17), from each age group represented in the competition!

Calendar proceeds will benefit Greater Excellence in Education Foundation (GEEF). Calendars will be free and available in branches this fall. Donations will be requested to raise funds for GEEF’s annual school supply drive. On behalf of Freedom and GEEF, thank you for being a part of something special and contributing to a great cause.

## Golden Apple Plus Annual Educator Award Winners



(L-R): Alisa Janiski, Teacher at Church Creek Elementary and Roye-Williams Elementary School; Michael MacPherson, President/CEO; and Patrice Ricciardi, Business Development Representative

Freedom is pleased to announce the 2016 winners in our Golden Apple Plus Annual Educator Award competition. Applicants were asked to submit an essay detailing how their idea would benefit their students, class, school and the Harford County community.

Congratulations to the winner Alisa Janiski. Thomas Fare, teacher at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary, and Shelly Sparks, teacher at North Harford High School, won runner up awards.



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## Freedom Staff Volunteer Efforts



Freedom employee Michele Young, and her son Josh

Volunteers from Freedom helped make the United Way of Central Maryland's recent Stone Soup Event a success. Staffers came out to Bel Air United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 21, to help assemble meals for those in need. Some brought their children to help out as well! Volunteers were able to prepare 150 casserole dishes to serve approximately 1,800 people. Other Freedom volunteer employees included: Mike MacPherson, Andrea Woodard, Alicia Bowman, and Danielle Hart.

## e-Statement Promotion Results in "Gift of Trees"



(L) Michael MacPherson, President/CEO and (R) Anne Gilbert, Director at MD DNR Forest Service

As a result of Freedom's e-Statement promotion last year, Freedom donated \$1,000 to the MD DNR "Gift of Trees" program. This donation will support Harford County government's annual Arbor Day planting. The event is in the spring and the planting rotates throughout the county to various county parks and properties.