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Photo Caption

Representatives from Harford Family House and Freedom Federal Credit Union stand in front of their collection of nearly 300 handbags to support the Hope in Handbags Campaign.

From left to right: Heather Lynch, Development Director of Harford Family House, Patrice Ricciardi, Director of Business Development, and Mike MacPherson, President and CEO of Freedom, Robin Tomechko, Executive Director of Harford Family House, Keith Gill, Chief Financial Officer, and Michele Young, Chief Operations Officer of Freedom.

FREEDOM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION COLLECTS HUNDREDS OF HANDBAGS TO SUPPORT HARFORD COUNTY'S HOMELESS

Bel Air, MD – In continued support of Harford Family House's Hope in Handbags campaign, Freedom Federal Credit Union ran a collection drive for new and gently used handbags from mid-June through the end of July. Thanks in large part to Freedom's generous members, the Credit Union collected close to 300 handbags, the most since it started supporting the Hope in Handbags Campaign in 2013. The handbags will be sold or auctioned off at the Hope in Handbags event, held in November, to benefit families with children experiencing homelessness in Harford County.

Harford Family House CEO, Robin Tomechko, visited the Credit Union in early August to collect the handbags, but due to the overwhelming quantity donated, Freedom made arrangements to deliver them to Harford Family House instead. Tomechko applauded the success of the drive, stating "We are thrilled with the efforts of Freedom Federal Credit Union and all their members who generously donated. We are so very grateful and quite impressed with the results".

The Hope in Handbags event will be held at the Bel Air Reckord Armory and will feature an exclusive preview on Friday, November 2^{nd} from 6:00 -8:30 PM, followed by the main event on Saturday, November 3^{rd} from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Freedom is a frequent contributor to Harford Family House, whose mission is to help Harford County families and unaccompanied young adults who are experiencing homelessness transition into stable/permanent housing.

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About Freedom Federal Credit Union

Freedom Federal Credit Union is a community-chartered federal credit union offering consumer financial services to those who live, work, volunteer, worship, attend school, or have family in Harford County. Additionally, Freedom offers a full-line of banking services for all businesses, associations, and other organizations that are based in Harford County. Freedom has been in business since 1953 and has five locations throughout Harford County. To learn more, visit freedomfcu.org