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**Young Barbers Club Wins Freedom Federal Credit Union's #FreedomToHelpChallenge**

*Credit Union Awards \$1,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil Counties to Support their  
New Trade Program*

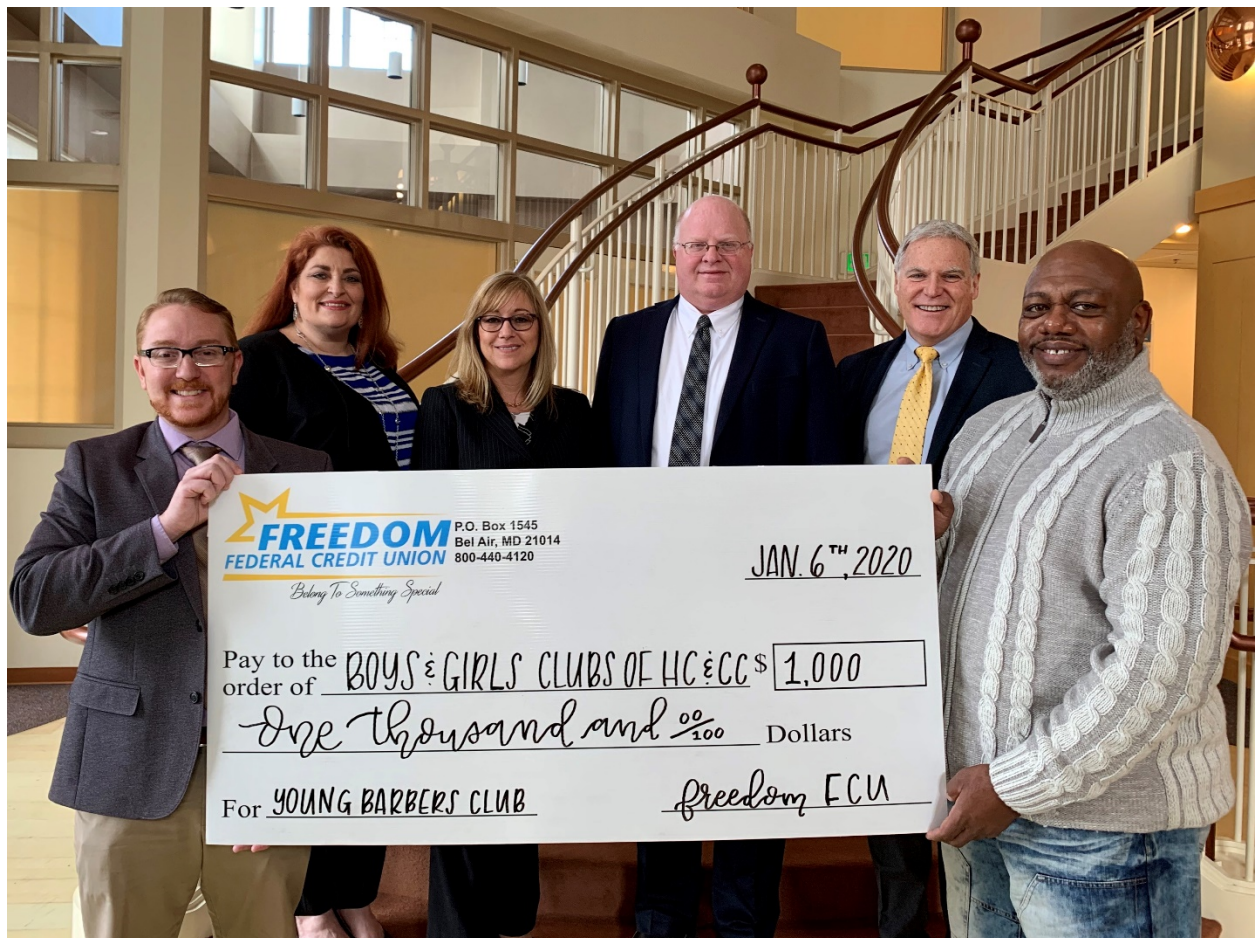


The winning submission, posted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties, showcases Master Barber, Anthony "Antmoe" Johnson instructing a group of teens in his trade.

Bel Air, MD -- Freedom Federal Credit Union is pleased to congratulate Master Barber, Anthony "Antmoe" Johnson, volunteer at Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties, for winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual #FreedomToHelpChallenge. The six-week social media contest called for entrants to post pictures celebrating Harford County volunteerism for a chance to win \$1,000 and other weekly prizes for their local charity of choice. Each week individual volunteers and non-profit organizations posted pictures showcasing local volunteerism in an effort that reached all corners of the county. Weekly

winners and the Grand Award winner were chosen during public voting periods on Freedom's Facebook page.

"The Freedom To Help Challenge put forth by Freedom Federal Credit Union has been a huge asset , not only through their generous donation to our club, but also as a means to promote and recognize other valuable and worthwhile causes in our local community," says #FreedomToHelpChallenge winner, Anthony Johnson. "This donation will now allow even more youth to participate in learning such a valuable trade while keeping them off the streets and out of trouble! Thank you, Freedom Federal Credit Union for being such a positive catalyst for change in the lives of so many individuals right here in Harford County!"



Anthony Johnson and Derek Dewitt of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties were recently honored in a check presentation held at Freedom Federal Credit Union's Park Avenue branch with the \$1,000 grand prize.

The Young Barbers Club was created in memory of Thailek Willis, an Edgewood youth killed by gun violence in August 2018. The tragedy inspired Johnson to teach his trade to young men at the Edgewood Boys & Girls Club to help curb senseless violence among Edgewood youth. "Take the GUNS out of their hands and replace them with CLIPPERS and let that now become their WEAPON OF CHOICE," Johnson stated. The program takes place in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford &

Cecil Counties, with the objective to transform young men into skilled entrepreneurs and leaders within their communities.

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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](http://freedomfcu.org)*

#### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties**

*For more than 29 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties has operated by its mission to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Serving more than 7,500 youth annually, the Clubs unlock the potential for children to become thriving members of their community by providing them with the opportunity to achieve more. Known as a place to become, the Clubs make a difference by providing services in five core areas: Character & Leadership; Health & Life Skills; Education & Career Development; the Arts; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties, please visit us at [www.bgcharfordcecil.org](http://www.bgcharfordcecil.org).*