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## Freedom Federal Credit Union Sponsors *Hits for Healthy Kids*, in Partnership with the Aberdeen IronBirds, to Benefit Pediatric Services at University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health



Hits for Healthy Kids appears on the Jumbo Screen during home games at Ripken Stadium.

**Bel Air, MD** – Freedom Federal Credit Union is proud to announce a new partnership with the Aberdeen IronBirds and The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation with the launch of *Hits for Healthy Kids*. This season, every time an IronBirds player gets a hit during a home game, Freedom Federal Credit Union will donate \$10 to benefit services for children at University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health (UM UCH). *Hits for Healthy Kids* started on June 14<sup>th</sup> on opening day and will run through the end of the regular IronBirds season.

*Hits for Healthy Kids* is a refresh of last season's partnership, *Homeruns for Healthy Kids*, which benefited services for children at the MedStar Health Bel Air Medical Campus. Freedom donated \$2,600 at the end of the season to MedStar, and is looking forward to having an even bigger impact through this new initiative.

“Our partnership with Freedom Federal Credit Union amplifies the work both organizations continue to do in the community,” stated Matt Slatos, IronBirds General Manager. “As we work together on this summer’s *Hits for Healthy Kids* initiative, I’m confident our IronBirds will do everything they can on the field to make sure the Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation benefits from our continued relationship with Freedom Federal Credit Union.”

“The IronBirds and the UM UCH represent two great Harford County institutions, and we are proud to join forces with them in an effort to support health services for Harford County youth”, stated Freedom’s President and CEO Mike MacPherson. MacPherson also serves on the Board of Directors for The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation.

With *Hits for Healthy Kids*, Freedom builds on its existing partnership with The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation. To date, Freedom has donated \$130,000 to support initiatives to improve health services in Harford County through UM UCH.

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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 The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation**

The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation supports the mission of University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health through developing relationships with local citizens and organizations who wish to take part in the expansion and improvement of healthcare services provided in Harford County. Through the work of The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation, the community supports their hospital through philanthropic gifts, planned giving, participation in fundraising events and volunteerism.

### **About The Aberdeen IronBirds**

The IronBirds, short-season ‘Class-A’ affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, are owned by Harford County’s own Bill Ripken and his brother, Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr. Playing games at Aberdeen’s Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium since 2002, the IronBirds provide affordable family entertainment in the Upper Chesapeake region while working with community partners to better the community the team plays in. In 2019, the IronBirds will provide nearly \$300,000 in charitable giving and support to Harford County-based non-profit organizations.