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FreeStar Financial Foundation Distributes \$34,000 to Local Charities

Clinton Township, Mich. -- The FreeStar Financial Foundation has distributed \$34,000 to its 2026 Charity Partners, Champ Life and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154. The Charity Partners were invited to FreeStar Financial Credit Union's headquarters in Clinton Township, Michigan, in August to receive their donations and meet members of the Foundation's leadership team. A check for the amount of \$17,000 was presented to each Charity Partner, providing support for both organizations' continued efforts to serve children, veterans, and families in the local community.

Supporting Those Who Serve and Those Who Need a Champion

Each year, the Foundation Board selects two local charities, one community-serving and one military-serving, as its Charity Partners and pledges to support their causes through a fundraising event.



Champ Life, based in St. Clair Shores, runs a summer camp for foster and at-risk children that builds confidence, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. Each child receives individualized attention alongside supportive relationships and fun activities, creating a lasting, positive impact on every camper who attends.



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154, located in Clinton Township, supports veterans and their families through advocacy, essential services, and community connection. Committed to compassion and care, the organization works to ensure every veteran is supported and never left behind.

Raising Funds Through Roaring Races

The donations were made possible through the Foundation's third annual Roaring Races, held June 12 as a Roaring Twenties-themed evening of horse racing, raffles, prizes, and community fundraising.



The Foundation is especially grateful to its generous sponsors, raffle basket donors, dedicated event planning committee, and everyone who contributed their time, talents, and resources. Their continued support helps the Foundation make a meaningful difference in the lives of local children, veterans, and families.

A Legacy of Giving Back

Founded in 1957 as Selfridge Air Force Base Credit Union, FreeStar Financial Credit Union has a long-standing tradition of serving its members and the broader community. Today, the Credit Union manages \$350 million in assets and serves over 21,000 members through eight branches across Macomb and St. Clair Counties, welcoming anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in the state of Michigan.

For nearly 70 years, FreeStar Financial Credit Union has consistently supported the military and local communities where it serves. Building on this legacy, the Credit Union launched the FreeStar Financial Foundation in 2023 to deepen its commitment to community service. In its three years of fundraising, over \$70,000 has been raised to benefit community nonprofits and military-focused charities through strong fundraising and volunteer efforts.

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