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The FreeStar Financial Foundation Hosts Third-Annual Roaring Races, Raises \$34,000 for Local Charities



The FreeStar Financial Foundation hosted its third annual Roaring Races on June 12, a roaring twenties themed evening of horse racing, big wins, and community spirit. The event raised just over \$34,000 to benefit two local charities: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 and Champ Life.



Guests gathered for an evening of dinner, refreshments, and friendly competition. Horses were auctioned off and raced throughout the night, with winnings distributed to lucky bettors after each race. The event also featured 50 raffle baskets, a specialty table of big-ticket prizes, a grand prize of a \$1,000 Generac generator, and a 50/50 raffle that totaled approximately \$1,600.



The presence, enthusiasm, and support of every guest helped make this event possible. 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. Together, this community continues to make a lasting impact, and the Foundation sincerely appreciates the ongoing partnership and support.

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 their Charity Partners. They pledge to support their causes with 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.

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 23,000 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, \$70,000 has been gathered to benefit community nonprofits and military focused charities through strong fundraising and volunteer efforts.

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