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#### **Members First Credit Union Donates Van to MPAL**

*The vehicle will be used for transporting kids to local events and activities.*

**MANCHESTER, NH (March 19, 2020)** [Members First Credit Union](#) recently donated a van to the Manchester Police Athletic League (MPAL), a center city organization dedicated to mentoring at-risk youth. The van will allow the organization to implement transportation services, creating new experiences for MPAL's youth outside of the facility. Members First's donation comes from 20% of its 2018 net income specifically set aside for those in need. Recognizing the issues that confront its community, Members First is committed to using these funds to benefit critical community programs.

"We truly appreciate the efforts put forward by MPAL on behalf of our youth," said Bruce Leighton, president and CEO, Members First Credit Union. "The organization continues to make a difference in our community and we're honored to have the opportunity to support the growth and development of its programs."

Operating under the guidance of a devoted Manchester Police Officer and a group of dedicated volunteers, MPAL is a non-profit, after school organization that connects cops and kids by offering free athletic, educational and enrichment instruction to youth, encouraging them to make the right choices. The organization strives to provide a safe, structured environment while fostering and maintaining positive relationships between the youth of the Greater Manchester area and members of the Manchester Police department.

"Members First Credit Union has long been a strong supporter of MPAL and they have once again shown their great partnership by donating a minivan," said Jayna Stevens, director of operations and development, MPAL. "The amazing gift of independent transportation will open the door to unique experiences for our youth, allowing them to venture outside our facility and into the community. This donation allows MPAL to broaden the educational and enrichment activities we offer. We are incredibly grateful to call Members First Credit Union a partner and truly appreciate their commitment to our organization."

For more information about MPAL, visit [www.manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org](http://www.manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org).

For more information about Members First Credit Union and its ongoing community involvement, visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).



**Photo Caption:** Surrounded by kids enrolled at the Manchester Police Athletic League (MPAL), Bruce Leighton, Members First president and CEO, presents a \$19,490 donation to MPAL, enabling the non-profit to purchase a van for transporting kids to various activities. From left are David Mara, MPAL board vice chairman and Members First board of directors; Gary Simmons, Members First board of directors; Bruce Leighton, Members First president and CEO; Jayna Stevens, MPAL director of operations and development; and Manchester Police Officer John Levasseur, MPAL coordinator.

### **About Members First Credit Union**

Since 1949, Members First Credit Union has been a trusted financial resource in Manchester, Bedford and surrounding communities. We get to know our members so we can recommend the right solutions to help them reach their goals. In other words: we're small enough to make a big difference.

As a full-service financial institution, we offer the products and services our members need, whether for themselves, their family or business. And because we're not for profit, earnings go back to our members, so they can save and borrow at reasonable rates. Membership is open to anyone living, working, or attending school in New Hampshire.

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