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Michelle Lee, Member Service Director, FedChoice FCU, presents to a group of teen parents and teachers at Northern Non-Traditional School @ FCF 2026



# From Vision to Impact

## *Three Years of Transformation and Growth*

Over the past three years, our Foundation has undergone a remarkable transformation—one that has sharpened our mission and significantly expanded our impact. What began as a thoughtful redefinition of purpose has grown into a dynamic effort to meet real needs across the communities we serve.

Today, our work is both broader and deeper. We've strengthened our commitment to education through expanded scholarship programs and teachers' aid grants, helping students pursue their goals while supporting educators in the classroom. Our investment in youth financial education continues to grow through initiatives like The Millionaires' Club in schools and outreach to groups such as Teen Parents—equipping young people with the knowledge and confidence to build stronger financial futures.

Equally important has been our ability to build and deepen meaningful partnerships. We are proud of our longstanding collaboration with federal employee organizations such as Blacks In Government (BIG) and Young Government Leaders (YGL), and we are excited to be broadening our relationships across this network. Locally, our engagement with groups like the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, and the Foundation for Financial Planning reflects our commitment to being an active, connected community partner.

This progress is a direct result of the passion



and generosity of our volunteers, donors, and partners. Together, we have created a Foundation that not only reflects our values, but actively delivers on them.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to growing this momentum—expanding our reach, strengthening our partnerships, and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

*— Brett Noll*

**President & CEO, FedChoice Federal Credit Union**



# Investing in Financial Futures

## One Family at a Time at Gholson MS

On May 16, the FCF volunteer team had an impactful day at Gholson Middle School, where financial education and community support came together in a meaningful way.

The team participated in the school's Financial Literacy event, held alongside its monthly Food Market—an initiative dedicated to providing essential groceries to families experiencing financial challenges. Taisha Norman, Financial Service Advisor, FedChoice FCU, and Shaniya Montague, Financial Service Advisor, FedChoice

FCU, delivered an engaging presentation on saving and budgeting to teachers, parents, and students. The session focused on practical, actionable strategies to help participants strengthen their financial habits.

In addition, the team hosted a successful membership drive, sharing the latest information about FedChoice FCU products and services and connecting attendees with resources to support their financial goals.

# Supporting Career Day at Robert Goddard Montessori School



One of the most enjoyable parts of our work is visiting schools and sharing our “people helping people” philosophy with the communities we serve. Andrey Gidasov, FCF Executive Director, had a great time at the Career Day at Robert Goddard Montessori School (RGMS), talking with 80+ curious and enthusiastic students about our Foundation’s programs. Andrey joined volunteers from the U.S. Park Police, EPA, PGCPD, and a group of the amazing RGMS teachers. So grateful to Nichole Roberson, Professional School Counselor, for making this day so special for all of us!

## “The Future is Definitely in Good Hands”

Ed Atuahene, FCF Treasurer, spoke with bright students from Thomas Viaduct Middle School about financial literacy. Ed and the students took time to talk about budgeting, saving, smart spending, and why it’s never too early to build strong money habits via the stock market. Speaking with the rest of the team after such a productive event, Ed shared, “the future is definitely in good hands with this next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and changemakers.”



# Fedchoice Charitable Foundation and Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

## Advancing Financial Empowerment in the Greater Washington DC Area

Earlier this year, our Foundation joined the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce (NVBCC), launching the partnership with Empowering Financial Futures—an event bringing together community leaders to advance financial literacy and economic resilience.



Brett Noll, President & CEO of FedChoice, highlighted the credit union's role in supporting underserved communities, while Andrey Gidaspov, FCF Executive Director, shared FCF's impactful programs and partnerships. Taisha Norman introduced financial tools available to NVBCC members, and NVBCC leaders Mervin Whea and Tonya Poindexter offered perspectives on local business needs.

A special highlight was the donation of 25 children's books by S.E. Day and Yerlis Guevara to support financial literacy in Prince George's County Public Schools.

Thank you to NVBCC and partners for a strong kickoff—we look forward to growing this collaboration.

# EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS

## FCF & BIG National Announce the 3rd Annual Guy Fleming Scholarship

FCF is proud to collaborate with the Blacks In Government (BIG) National on the 3rd Annual Guy Fleming Educational Scholarship Program, continuing a growing national commitment to expanding educational opportunity.

Initiated by long-time FedChoice Federal Credit Union member Ms. Sarah Fleming, the scholarship honors the legacy of Mr. Guy Fleming and reflects Ms. Fleming's unwavering belief in the power of education and financial literacy—particularly for students in underserved communities.

### Program Highlights

Ten \$1,000 scholarships for college-bound or trade school-bound high school seniors.

Open to Title 1 school students across the U.S.

Winners announced: Early August 2026



### Essay Theme

**“Building the Next 250 Years: How Financial Literacy Empowers Future Leaders”**

### Application Deadline

**June 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM CST**

 **Apply Online**

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# NATIONAL POSTAL FORUM 2026

**Building Partnerships, Advancing Our Mission**

The FedChoice Charitable Foundation is proud to support USPS employees, their families, and the communities they serve.

On May 3-6, Andrey Gidasov, FCF Executive Director, joined USPS leadership and industry

partners at the National Postal Forum in Phoenix. As a result, FCF will be joining the Postal Customer Council (PCC) in the DMV area, which will enable us to better serve USPS employees and their families.

The forum opened with an inspiring keynote from America's 76th Postmaster General, David Steiner, who reflected on the Postal Service's enduring legacy and outlined strategies shaping its future. Following the keynote, Andrey had the opportunity for a personal conversation with Postmaster General Steiner, sharing how the Foundation supports USPS employees and their families through engaging financial literacy programs, access to pro bono CFP® professional advice, and collaboration through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Throughout the forum, Andrey connected with key leaders across the Postal Service, to discuss further collaboration and exploring future opportunities. He also met with Amber F. McReynolds, Chair, USPS Board of Governors, who graciously accepted an invitation to speak with students at one of the Foundation's partner Title I schools—further expanding the reach of financial education efforts.

A major highlight of the event was the Postal Customer Council (PCC) General Session, which spotlighted the PCC Rebuilding Plan—an initiative aimed at strengthening councils nationwide. PCCs serve as vital local partnerships between USPS and the business mailing community, fostering communication, education, and collaboration that benefit both the Postal Service and the communities it serves. FCF's membership in the local PCC will be a springboard for further series to our USPS members and the community.



U.S. Postmaster General David Steiner and Andrey Gidasov, FCF Executive Director



Amber F. McReynolds, Chair, USPS Board of Governors, and Andrey Gidasov, FCF Executive Director

# Strengthening Ties with Postal Leaders at UPMA Pennsylvania Convention



On April 23-26, FCF Executive Director Andrey Gidaspov took part in our first United Postmaster and Managers of America (UPMA) event, connecting with Postmasters, Managers, Supervisors, and EAS professionals dedicated to strengthening the USPS workforce. A highlight of the convention was his meeting with UPMA National President Anthony Leonardi, who shared insights from his distinguished postal career and commitment to developing future leaders. During the visit, Andrey also toured the FedChoice Philadelphia Branch with Calvin Balmores, Philly FSC Manager, who discussed growth opportunities across the Pennsylvania market and played a key role in supporting the organizations' participation.

We extend our appreciation to the UPMA Pennsylvania leadership for their warm hospitality and for hosting a convention centered on

mentorship, training, and professional growth. Together, they remain committed to supporting the people who support America every day.



# FCF SPONSORS LAREXPO 2026

Celebrating Culture, Community & Collaboration

On May 17, the Foundation joined community leaders, entrepreneurs, and families at LAREXPO 2026 in Manassas. The Expo celebrated Latin American culture through art, food, traditional crafts, dance, and live music, bringing the community together in a vibrant and meaningful way.

Andrey Gidaspov, FCF Executive Director, met with Manassas Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger and City Council Members Sonia Vasquez Luna and Tom Osina. He introduced the Foundation’s financial literacy programs and discussed opportunities to support local schools. Throughout the day,

Andrey also connected with small business owners and members of the Hispanic community, reinforcing the Foundation’s commitment to financial education and community empowerment.

The FedChoice Charitable Foundation extends sincere thanks to Maria E Guzman, LAREXPO Founder, for her dedication in creating this impactful event. The Foundation looks forward to continued collaboration and deeper community engagement in the future.



## FEDCHOICE & CONCERT FOR CAUSES

Community Impact, Music and Financial Literacy

Led by Jenny Creavalle, FedChoice FCU Senior Community Impact Officer, the FedChoice volunteer team participated in the 2026 Spring Savor Bowie Community Fest, engaging attendees throughout a full day of outreach. The team shared information about FedChoice’s financial products and the Foundation’s educational initiatives, partnered with wine vendors for a raffle, and worked with food truck partners to provide lunch for new members.

## Partner Interview

# LAKIA BRYANT

## on Leadership, Purpose, and Public Service

### **A Voice for Public Health and Community Impact**

I'm a proud Atlanta, GA native and a Senior Health Communication Specialist at CDC dedicated to amplifying public health and scientific voices. In my day job, I support strategic communication in CDC's Global Health Center, and outside of work I channel that same energy into parent leadership, youth empowerment, and neighborhood/economic stewardship.

I've been shaped by a family that values faith, service, and perseverance. I earned a Master



of Public Administration (Public Policy) from Texas Southern University and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Albany State University.

### **A Decade with YGL: Growth, Recognition, and Giving Back**

I've been part of Young Government Leaders (YGL) since 2015. I joined because YGL is a community for public servants who want to grow, lead, and serve—people who believe government work can be innovative, collaborative, and deeply community-centered. Over the years, YGL has been a source of mentorship, connection, and practical development. In 2018, I was recognized among the YoungGov40 (Atlanta Chapter) honorees, which reinforced my commitment to pay it forward within the YGL community.

I was drawn to YGL's blend of professional development and public service. YGL creates spaces where early- and mid-career professionals can learn from each other, build cross-agency networks, and translate ideas into action. What keeps me engaged is the culture of “showing up”—for learning, for service, and for one another. From skill-building sessions to collaborative events with partners, there's always an avenue to grow and contribute.

Giving back is how I honor the people who invested in me. I'm especially passionate about

parent leadership, youth empowerment, and community governance—areas where clear communication and inclusive engagement can change outcomes. I’ve been involved with the Sheltering Arms Parent Leadership Organization, The Show Me Foundation, Show Me Shoes Foundation, and many other non-profit organizations.

I value FedChoice’s support of YGL and the spotlight they provide to public servants. To me, the YGL–FedChoice partnership represents a shared belief in financial wellness, community education, and recognizing service. Personally, I appreciate any platform that elevates the work of government professionals. Professionally, I see alignment around empowering members with tools, stories, and resources that strengthen families and communities.

Organizations like YGL and FedChoice make a difference by combining capacity building with real-world access: YGL helps members grow skills and networks, while FedChoice expands financial literacy and stability. Together, they strengthen civic infrastructure—helping public servants lead better, families plan better, and communities thrive.

### **A Motto that Inspires My Journey**

A personal motto I live by is inspired by Maya Angelou:

“When you make your mark, you will always attract some haters... That’s why you have to be careful with whom you share your blessings and your dreams... The problem I have with haters is that they see my glory, but they don’t know my story.”

It resonates because it centers purpose over approval. It reminds me to move with grace,

protect my peace, and keep serving—even when the work is misunderstood.

### **Leading Forward: Advice for the Next Generation of Changemakers**

- Start where you are—impact begins with the next conversation or need.
- Lead with clarity and care—communicate the “why,” listen well, and follow through.
- Build coalitions—collaboration multiplies impact.
- Protect your energy—sustainability matters in service work.
- Document and share—stories change minds; results change systems.

Thank you for championing public servants and community well-being. Your commitment to financial education and member support helps families plan, dream, and build stability. Keep partnering with organizations like YGL—together, we can grow leaders, strengthen communities, and create momentum that lasts for generations.



# Powered by Generosity

We are deeply grateful to our corporate sponsors, foundation partners, and individual donors. Your generosity fuels scholarships, classroom grants, and financial education programs across underserved communities.

Support teachers. Empower students. Strengthen financial futures.

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# WILL YOU SUPPORT OUR NEW COMMUNITY PROGRAMS?

The FedChoice Charitable Foundation strongly believes in making a difference in the lives of young people in underserved communities and invites you to help supporting our new community programs:

**Teachers' Aid Program** recognizes the expenses incurred by teachers and invites educators and administrators in the DC/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) area to apply for the Teachers' Aid Program (TAP). TAP provides small educator grants (\$250 maximum grant per educator) for teachers of math, business, economics, or general elementary education.

**Educational Scholarship Program:** The FedChoice Charitable Foundation offers up to ten \$1,000 annual Educational Scholarships to college-bound and trade school-bound high school students from the DMV area.

Our Foundation partners with public, charter and private schools in the DMV area to provide teachers with small grants to help offset the cost of supplies and classroom materials. We want our teachers to do the most important thing — teach and inspire our children! If you want to empower more teachers or support students with scholarships, please consider donating to FedChoice Charitable Foundation at

**[donate.fedchoicegives.org](https://donate.fedchoicegives.org)**.



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Consider leaving a lasting legacy by including the FedChoice Charitable Foundation in your will or estate plan. Your thoughtful gift will help us empower young people and their families on their path to financial success! Learn more about our Legacy Society here:

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