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Winter 2019 Newsletter

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Alicia Bowen



Jessica Cecil



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Supporting the Local Community

While most financial institutions are closed on the Columbus Day holiday, over 200 1st Advantage colleagues were hard at work assisting local non-profit organizations in our community.

1st Advantage's Accomplishments

- Donated **1,190 pounds of food** and **\$2,938** to the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, the equivalent of over **11,755 meals**. Colleagues also created over **2,204 inspirational cards** to be included in family meal bags.
- Made **107 tie dyed bandanas** for Edmarc Hospice for Children
- Wrapped and donated **450 gifts** for Military Children to be distributed by Operation Homefront on behalf of the 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union Foundation
- Created **204 hearts** for Hearts of Hope that will be given to Edmarc Hospice for Children
- Assembled **130 math rings** for Dare Elementary School
- Built **17 Little Free Libraries** and **sorted 1,771 books** for local elementary schools
- Made **187 fleece wraps** for New Beech Grove Homeless Ministry
- Built **3 picnic tables** for Habitat for Humanity
- Donated **180 piece of professional clothing** to the Peninsula Rescue Mission
- Assembled **1,032 toiletry bags** and donated **\$2,879** to the Peninsula Rescue Mission
- Collected **600 lbs. of pet food**, **271 lbs. of newspaper** and **274 additional items** for the Peninsula Pet Pantry and the Peninsula SPCA





\$12,000 Donated to Achievable Dream



Achievable Dream ACADEMIES

1st Advantage donated \$12,000 to An Achievable Dream, a nationally recognized K-12 program dedicated to the belief that all children can learn and succeed regardless of their socioeconomic background.

2019 Annual Directors' Scholarships

1st Advantage will award four \$2,000 scholarships at our Annual Meeting in May. These scholarships are open to dependents of 1st Advantage members that are high school seniors. The deadline to submit your scholarship application is April 1, 2019.

Visit any 1st Advantage branch or 1stAdvantage.org/scholarship to apply today!



Don't Forget About Those Last Minute IRA Contributions!

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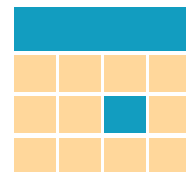
Thanks to your support, 1st Advantage was recently recognized as the best Financial Institution in two publications!



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Branch Closings



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 21, 2019

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 18, 2019

Save The Date

Our 67th Annual Business Meeting will be held **Thursday, May 2, 2019**. More details to come.



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2019 Board of Directors Nominees

As part of 1st Advantage's pre-election process, the Nominating Committee has considered candidates for open Board positions and developed the following list of qualified nominees for the election:

LTC Paul J. Adamo Ret. has served on the Board of Directors since 1992 with eight of those as the Chairman. He is currently serving on the Christopher Newport University Life Long Learning Society's Steering Committee. LTC Adamo retired as a Senior Regional Service Planner for Hampton Roads Transit responsible for transit bus routes throughout the Hampton Roads region. He also served on the City of Hampton's Coliseum Central Physical Improvements Committee and the Transportation Taskforce for Aging for the City of Newport News. LTC Adamo worked ten years for Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as a supervisor for the Visitor Center and School and Groups Services. LTC Adamo retired from the military after 20 years of service in June 1993. Prior to retirement he served as Deputy Commander of 7th Transportation Group and Inspector General for Fort Eustis and 4th Transportation Command, Germany. LTC Adamo is a past member of the Lions Club and has served as Vice President of the Fort Eustis Transportation Museum. LTC Adamo received a Sociology Degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a Masters Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Brenda B. Dawson has been a member of 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union since 1975, serving on the Board of Directors since 2003 and currently holds the office of Secretary. She retired from the Department of Defense after completing 33 years of exemplary civil service. Mrs. Dawson was employed by both the Department of Justice and the Department of the Army during her extensive federal career. She managed the Staff and Faculty Development Office prior to retirement at Fort Eustis. Mrs. Dawson and her staff were responsible for training the officer, enlisted and civilian staff and faculty personnel in the U.S. Army Transportation School, the U.S. Army Aviation and Logistics School and the Noncommissioned Officers Academy. After retirement from federal service, Mrs. Dawson served as a training analyst/consultant for Computer Sciences Corporation. Mrs. Dawson is a member of New Beech Grove (NBG) Baptist Church. As a member of NBG she serves as a Trustee and participates in several Ministries.

She volunteers on the Board of Directors for the A&V Tulloss Educational Foundation and on the Board of Directors for the THRIVE Peninsula Charity (formally known as the Denbigh United Christian Outreach Charity). She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Mrs. Dawson holds a Baccalaureate Degree in Business Education, is a graduate of the Army Management Staff College, and has completed graduate studies in Counseling & Guidance at West Virginia University and the College of William and Mary.

Andrae J. Via was elected to the Board of Directors in 2007. He graduated from William & Mary School of Law and received a Bachelors of Arts & Science degree from the University of Virginia (UVA). He serves as in-house counsel to a national wholesale and retail distribution company in the commercial real estate sector and works on projects throughout the nation. Born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia, he returned to the Roanoke Valley after graduation from UVA, where he worked with middle school special education students for two years before heading to law school. During these two years, he also supervised several employees while managing an all-day summer camp and an after-school program for under-privileged children. Mr. Via remains active in the Hampton Roads community engaging in charitable work during his free time, along with spending time with his family and friends.

There are three nominees to fill three open seats on the Board of Directors for 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union.

The 67th Annual Meeting will be held:

Thursday, May 2

Meeting Begins at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Kiln Creek Branch

110 Cybernetics Way, Yorktown



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