

members' monthly

FALL 2021



DCU in the Community

Through providing financial support to organizations that benefit children and families, spearheading financial education programs, sponsoring community events, and volunteer support, DCU is devoted to making our local communities a better place to call home. Here are just a few recent initiatives:

DCU for Kids Makes a Hole in One:

DCU for Kids and Boomer Esiason partnered once again this year for a great day of golf to benefit hundreds of children's charities. Through the incredible generosity of so many valued partners and donors, DCU for Kids raised over \$700,000 this year. Their work continues with providing critical financial resources to organizations that

are making a positive and lasting impact on thousands of children throughout our communities and beyond.

DCU Teams Up with First Responders:

DCU sponsored the Heroes Cup, a weekend-long hockey tournament to raise awareness and funds for firefighters, police, military and EMS workers, and the charities they support. The Hero's Cup foundation is dedicated to supporting key areas that impact first responders and their families, including cancer detection and prevention, mental health, and line of duty death support. DCU presented the Chelmsford, MA Fire Department team with the first-ever, DCU Community Lamplighter Award for making a profound difference in their community through their day-to-day service and for their help at Kids in Disability Sports (K.I.D.S.) of Lowell, MA.

Helping to Build a Sustainable Food System:

A group of DCU team members spent a morning working on the farm to support The Food Project's "Serve & Grow program" in Lincoln, MA. They learned about improving food sustainability and worked with The Food Project staff getting their hands dirty working in the fields weeding parsnips, celeriac, and onions on one of the hottest days of the year. Their efforts helped to support The Food Project's goal of transforming the food system into a more just, community-engaged model that supports food security for all while connecting diverse communities to each other, and to the land.

For more information on what DCU is doing in the community, visit [dcu.org/community](https://www.dcu.org/community).

America Saves Town Hall Series

America Saves is a nonprofit that empowers individuals, particularly those who are financially vulnerable, to save effectively, reduce debt, and build wealth. In 2021, DCU sponsored three America Saves **#ThinkLikeASaver** Town Hall Series webinars. These virtual events are free and open to the public, designed to help attendees learn how to effectively save money to work towards their financial goals.

DCU-Sponsored Topics for 2021:

July 2021: How to Buy Your First Home –

Topics to help first-time homebuyers provide perspective and insight, particularly to those who do not have access to intergenerational wealth. Attendees learned strategies to confidently navigate becoming a homeowner.

September 2021: Paying for Education –

Discussions centered around helping parents and young adults learn about the opportunities available to help them pay for college. Attendees learned about strategies that will help them attain the education of their choice without being overburdened with debt.

October 2021: Saving When You Have a Disability –

This webinar provides insight on financial opportunities and challenges that arise when you or a family member has a disability. Attendees will learn about many resources which will give them support to navigate the financial landscape, and considerations regarding income and earnings to maximize their savings and financial stability.

For more information, to view past Town Hall webinars, and to register for the October 2021 event, visit dcu.org/americasaves.

Get Confident About Your Personal Finances

EVERFI provides DCU members with interactive learning modules about topics such as planning, saving, and borrowing. Learn how to prepare for your financial future, today! For more information visit dcu.org/everfi.

Fraud: It Can Happen to Anyone



DCU has received reports of fraudsters spoofing our 800-phone number and posing as a representative from DCU's Fraud team or as another representative of DCU. These criminals are calling or messaging DCU members and non-members claiming that the individual has unauthorized activity on their account.

The fraudster will then prompt the sending of a one-time passcode or security code via a text message for the individual to verify their account and other security information such as password and/or PIN. This information would never be requested by a DCU representative on an unsolicited basis, and it should NEVER be shared.

If you receive a call or message from someone claiming to be from DCU or DCU's Fraud team and you have concerns about the validity of the communication, please do not respond and contact us immediately by calling **800.328.8797**.

You can learn more about these types of scams and how to avoid them by visiting dcu.org/phone-scam.

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