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**National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union Receives the NIH Good Neighbor Green Champion Award**

ROCKVILLE, Md. (October 14, 2020) – The [National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union](#) (NIHFCU), which marked 80 years of continued service this year, announced that it received the 2019 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Good Neighbor Green Champion Award.

The NIHFCU won this award for its active involvement in community planning and sustainability initiatives in support of NIH's energy, water, pollution, and waste reduction targets. The credit union's 2019 NIH shred events, which safely shredded and prepared 3.66 tons of paper for recycling, was recognized.

"Our support of the NIH community is in our actions," stated NIHFCU Vice President of Community Engagement Cassandra Hairston. "The shred event provided an opportunity for the NIHFCU and NIH-Office of Research Services staff to work as a team, which further strengthens our long-term partnership in promoting initiatives of the NIH."

The HHS Green Champions Awards were established by Health and Human Services (HHS), of which NIH is a part, in response to an Executive Order issued by then-President Obama in October 2009, challenging Federal agencies to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water consumption, and pollution.

"My division was looking for new and creative ways to service the NIH community. We came up with the NIH community shred event and asked our NIHFCU partners for support," said Susan Cook, director, Division of Amenities and Transportation Services, NIH of Office of Research Services. "We were pleased to see the event was successful and to receive the HHS Green Champion Award. A big thank you to NIHFCU!"

About NIHFCU

The National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union (NIHFCU) is a full-service not-for-profit financial co-operative based in Rockville, MD. With assets over \$730 million, and its network of branches, ATMs, and digital banking systems, the NIHFCU currently serves over 42,000 members, primarily within Washington DC area's healthcare and biomedical industries. With a range of accounts, affordable loans and other convenient banking solutions, the credit union is dedicated to helping its members achieve their financial goals for themselves and their families. For more information on the NIHFCU, including how to become a member or an NIHFCU@Work affiliated partner, visit [www.nihfcu.org](http://www.nihfcu.org).