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Wesley Chapel Resident Wins Free Mortgage Payments for a Year from Suncoast Credit Union

ZEPHYRHILLS, Fla. (May 29, 2025) — Suncoast Credit Union awarded longtime member Jose Garcia of Wesley Chapel a full year of free mortgage payments as the winner of its statewide "Year of No Payments Giveaway," where members have the chance to win either free mortgage payments, car payments, or rent for a year. Suncoast team members celebrated with Garcia and his family at the Zephyrhills branch on Thursday May 29th.

Garcia, a husband, father of two, and Suncoast member since age 11, was honored during a special presentation at the Suncoast Zephyrhills branch after being selected for the prize. "This is truly life-changing," Garcia said. "With this support, we'll be able to pay down debt and move toward a more secure future. I'm beyond grateful."

The sweepstakes is open to all Suncoast members throughout Florida, with the winner receiving either their mortgage, rent or car payment paid by Suncoast for one year. Garcia, who works as a territory representative for Crocodile Cloth, has maintained a multigenerational relationship with the credit union—his grandmother was a school employee who helped open his first account. Garcia's wife, and daughters, aged 20 and 13, are also members of the credit union.

"Supporting our members through meaningful moments like this is what Suncoast is all about," said Kevin Johnson, President/CEO at Suncoast. "Witnessing the life-changing power of financial support is a reminder of why we do what we do every single day."

This is the first of two winners in the Year of No Payments Giveaway. The next entry period is open until June 30, 2025. The sweepstakes is open to legal residents of Florida, age 18 and older. Visit www.suncoast.com/promo/giveaway for more details and instructions on how to enter.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the 8th largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$18.9 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 79 full-service branches and serves more than 1.3 million members. As a community credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Suncoast Credit Union's service area is eligible for membership. Additionally, membership is open to public school teachers, college educators and educational support staff throughout the entire state of Florida.

Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$53 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education, and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit suncoast.com or follow us on social media: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram.



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