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**MSUFCU Awards Kent Intermediate School District Teacher with MIDream Grant**

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Robert Barrett, a science teacher at Kent Intermediate School District in Grand Rapids, Mich., has received an MIDream grant through a partnership with MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) and the Michigan Education Association Financial Services (MEA FS).

The grant, designed to support MEA members, includes $250 for the recipient to use in their classroom or on a school project, and $250 donated to the charity of their choice.

“I will use these funds to build and supply my kids with some simple and effective at-home physics kits,” Barrett said. “These will enable them to shift our activities at school to learning and investigating phenomena within their homes as needed, allowing for our investigations to be flexible, meaningful and engaging.”

For his charity, Barrett selected Feeding America West Michigan. Serving 40 counties, it is one of seven Feeding America food banks located in Michigan. For more information, visit [feedwm.org](https://www.feedwm.org/).

“MEA FS is pleased to have partnered with MSUFCU to offer the MIDream grant,” said Bruce M. Reaume, MEA FS Executive Director. “As MSUFCU and MEA FS share similar visions of quality member benefits and a commitment to education, it is exciting to see this partnership result in such a worthy outcome.”

“MEA members are dedicated to helping youth in our communities grow and succeed, and this grant is one way to show our appreciation for these community heroes,” said Deidre Davis, MSUFCU’s Chief Marketing Officer. “Through the MIDream Grant, we are also able to fulfill our core value of giving back to the community by contributing funds to a local organization chosen by the recipient. We look forward to continuing our partnership with MEA and supporting its members through the MIDream Grant.”

Founded in 1937, MSUFCU has a national reputation for excellence and has received several top industry and workplace awards, including being named as a Top Workplace in the large employer category by the Detroit Free Press for eight consecutive years, a Top 100 Best Workplace for Women by Fortune for three consecutive years, and is in the top five Michigan credit unions by Forbes Best-in-State Credit Unions. MSUFCU was named a Best Workplace in Financial Services and Insurance by Fortune Magazine two consecutive years, and has been certified as a Great Place to Work® for seven consecutive years. MSUFCU has also been recognized by the Credit Union National Association, recently winning first place for the people-helping-people philosophy 2020 Louise Herring Award. MSUFCU is headquartered in East Lansing, MI, has 21 branches, more than 300,000 members, over $5.7 billion in assets, and nearly 900 employees. For more information, visit [msufcu.org](https://www.msufcu.org).

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