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## BCU ANNOUNCES WINNER OF \$34K 'PAY MY MORTGAGE' SWEEPSTAKES

**CHICAGO** – September 14, 2022 – BCU has awarded one lucky homeowner \$34,000 to cover their mortgage payment for one year – to help them be "One Year in the Clear," even increasing the prize from \$24,000 in 2021. Manuel A. from Saint Paul, MN was randomly selected as this year's winner. BCU employees delivered the good news to Manuel at their home. "I budgeted what I needed for a mortgage, but with emergency repairs and unplanned expenses, this extra buffer feels pretty good," Manuel stated.

As a first-time homebuyer, Manuel utilized BCU's HomeAdvantage® program to find their dream home with a trusted agent. "Getting my mortgage with BCU was super easy," said Manuel. "Throughout the process, they offered guidance and advice, and made the experience seamless!"

"Buying a home can be overwhelming, especially in today's market," said Bob Pondelicek, BCU Senior Director of Mortgage Sales. "We aim to make the process as easy as possible with services like HomeAdvantage and the 'Pay My Mortgage' sweepstakes."

BCU members who registered for the HomeAdvantage program and were approved for a mortgage with BCU during the promotional period were automatically entered into the sweepstakes. HomeAdvantage offers tools and resources to help its users search for homes and get connected with real estate agents. Additionally, HomeAdvantage helps every registered member earn an average of \$1,989 in cash rewards.

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– Manuel A., BCU Member & Sweepstakes Winner

In 2021, BCU and HomeAdvantage helped over 300 members find their dream home, awarding nearly \$1 million in cash rewards. Since the inception of the HomeAdvantage program, BCU is proud to have delivered over \$6 million in real estate commission rebates (cash rewards) to members.

See how BCU delivered the news.

Learn more about HomeAdvantage®.

**About BCU:** BCU is a purpose-driven organization that empowers people to discover financial freedom. With over \$5B in assets, while being both not-for-profit and member-owned, the Credit Union is driven by the commitment to provide extraordinary service. BCU members enjoy access to financial services and well-being programming that inspire confidence through the brand promise "Here Today For Your Tomorrow." BCU is the financial well-being benefit partner for some of America's best companies, currently serving Fortune 100 workplaces throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Lifetime membership is offered to employees and families of their company partners, and those living or working in Chicago-area communities. **To learn more, visit BCU.org** 







