

KATI'S CREATIVE LENDING HELPED GEORGIA KEEP HER BIKE, GET A FRESH START

best they can to support their members and make things happen. She's experienced Afena's willingness to go above and beyond for its members first-hand, which is especially important to her because Georgia's the type of person who believes in going above and beyond to support others.

In her free time, Georgia volunteers with the local chapter of Guardians of the Children, a non-profit organization comprised of motorcycle enthusiasts who use motorcycles as tools to help children who have been the victims of abuse become strong, confident, and courageous again. But after a divorce left her struggling to get back on solid financial footing, her ex was threatening to use her financial vulnerability to take away her most sentimental possession, her bike.

"I came in and I talked with Kati (Branch Manager at Afena North) and let her know my situation because my credit score was just total junk after going through the divorce. I couldn't afford my credit card bills at the time, and I was trying to just get stable financially again. My ex had talked about coming to take the motorcycle from me because I had made my payment a few days late, and I was very concerned because it's very sentimental to me," Georgia said.

She continued, "I'm part of a group called Guardians of the Children that escorts children who have been physically or sexually abused to court. We're with them from the time their charges are filed until they go to court, we do something with them every single month as an event, and we're very very active in these kids' lives. My motorcycle is my tie to that, and I'm very passionate about these children. So, I went in just

Georgia loves banking at Afena because she knows the Credit Union staff does the absolute

trying to keep my motorcycle."

Although Georgia told Kati she was concerned that her credit had taken too much of a hit in the divorce for the Credit Union to be able to do anything to help, Kati went to work crunching the numbers and was able to find a solution. With the equity Georgia had in her bike, Kati was able to refinance her motorcycle and use the equity to combine all of her debt into one payment. Georgia felt like Kati was an angel sent from above.



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In her volunteer work with Guardians of the Children, Georgia is used to being the person who goes above and beyond to support and help others in need. "With these kids and families, there's a lot of hurt and pain there. So, it's all about supporting and protecting that kid, giving them encouragement and bravery, and helping them be brave enough to face the

situation and know they're not alone. They're not going through it by themselves. They can call us any time they want, even if it's the middle of the night because they've had a nightmare; they call us and I'm here to help," she said.

Afena is proud to provide support and financial services that help members like Georgia to keep giving back and helping to make our community better. As for her membership at Afena, Georgia says the Credit Union is stuck with her for life. "I'll never leave you guys. Afena has been very supportive of the financial decisions in my life and giving me the best options to continue to be financially stable and enjoy life too. I'm very thankful, and I love Afena!"