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Today's Webinar

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Today's agenda

- 1 Start preparing now
- 2 Spend wisely
- 3 Create lasting memories
- 4 Planning ahead for next year



Start

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Start preparing now

How much can you afford?

What extra expenses will you have during the holiday season?

- **Gifts**
- **Parties**
- **Hosting special meals**
- **Travel**
- **Decorations & activities**

How will you prioritize your budget?

Start Preparing Now

Connect with community resources

- **Toys for Tots**
- **Local Religious/Charity Groups**
- **Adopt-a-Family programs**
- **Assistance with Food**
- **Food for Free**
- **Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House**
- **Greater Boston Food Bank**

Anticipate the unexpected

- **Have a couple of extra gifts on hand for unexpected guests or invitations**
- **Have flexibility in your budget for travel interruptions**





**Spend
Wisely**



Spend Wisely

Holiday Spending Strategy:

- **Do your research first.**
- **Shop early.**
- **Have a plan.**
- **...and stick to it!**

- **Consider giving cash or gift cards.**
- **Avoid going into debt.**



Create lasting memories



Create Lasting Memories

Consider Giving Experiences:

- Concert or theater tickets.
- Booking a trip.
- Memberships.
- Classes.
- Season tickets.
- Endless possibilities – get creative!





Create Lasting Memories

Start new traditions:

- **Gingerbread house competition.**
- **Holiday movie night.**
- **Volunteering together.**
- **Cookie baking day.**
- **Caroling.**
- **Check out holiday light displays.**

Planning ahead for next year

How to Implement

How much time do you have?

Check expectations with family.

Savings per pay period.

Autodeposit into a named savings account.

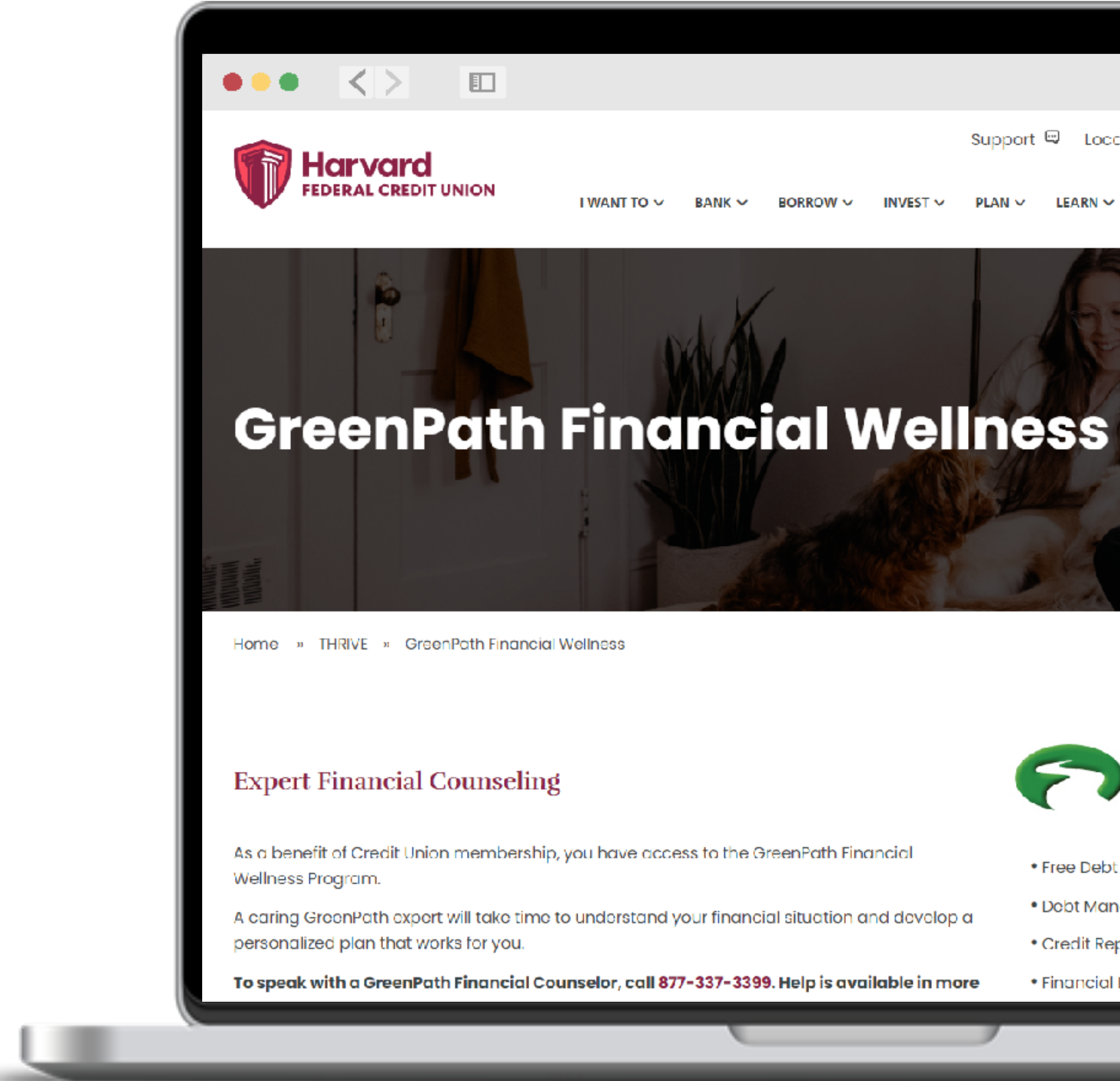
Plan travel as far in advance as possible.

Buy gifts early on sale.

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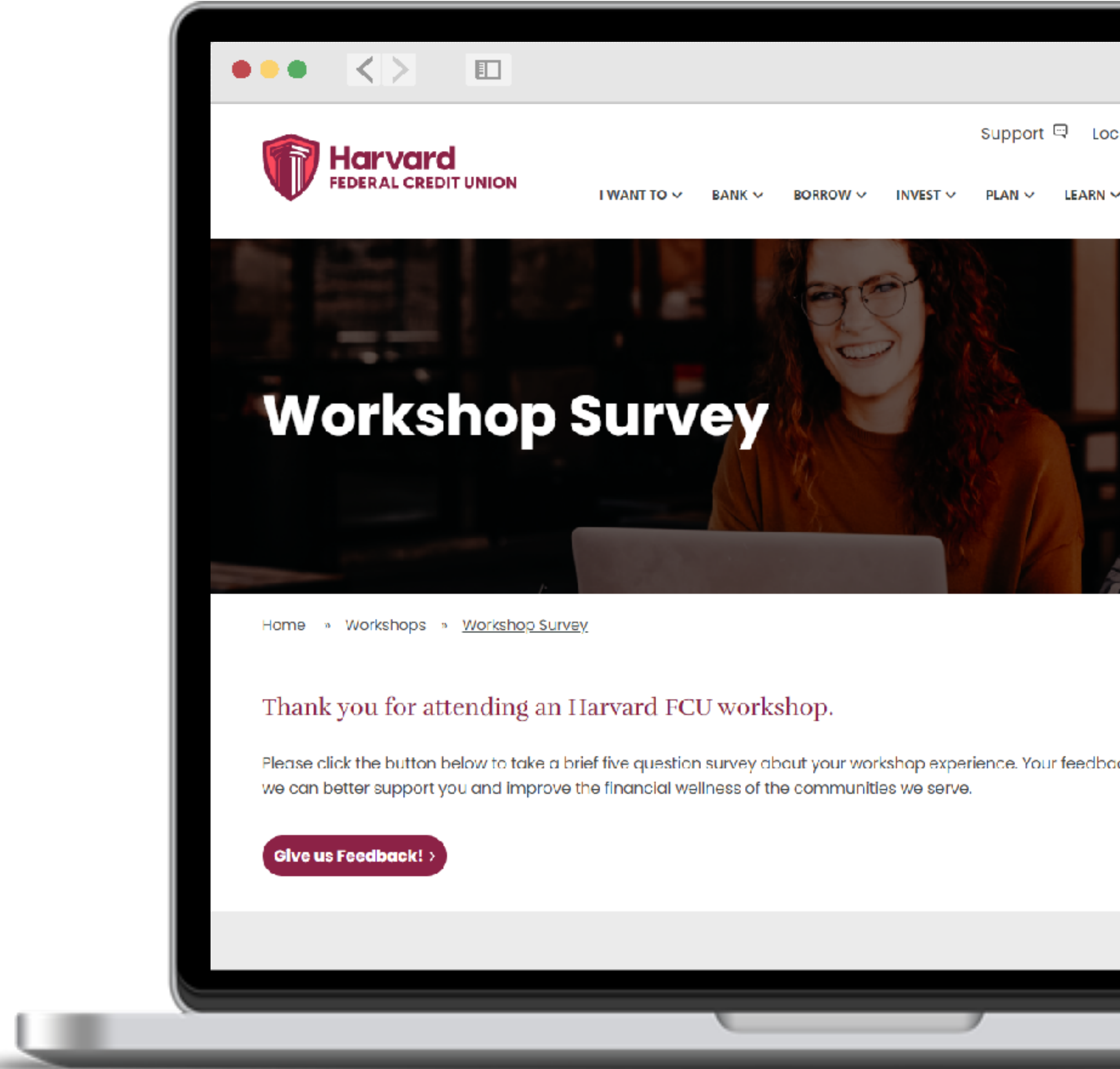
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