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ConnexCares Awards $30,000 in Grant Funds to Six Local Nonprofit Organizations

North Haven, CT (October 20, 2026) – ConnexCares, the philanthropic arm of Connex, recently awarded $30,000 in grant funds to local organizations working to strengthen the communities they serve. These grants support initiatives aligned with one of ConnexCares' three pillars: financial literacy, children's health, and food insecurity, and will help advance programs that provide resources to individuals and families.

As part of the grant process, recipient organizations had the opportunity to meet in person with the ConnexCares Board of Directors during check presentations. These gatherings provided an opportunity for each organization to share its mission, discuss the programs and initiatives the grant funding will support, and highlight how the grants will help further their impact.

Global Roots Community Foundation, Inc. – Deeply connected to the local New Haven community, Global Roots works to empower individuals, strengthen families, and build up neighborhoods through education, financial empowerment, housing stability, youth leadership, and global engagement.



Laundyn's Act of Love – Walks beside families of children facing serious illness, disabilities, and other medical challenges with compassion, practical help, and a community that refuses to let anyone face hard challenges alone.



Off-The-Streets Bridgeport – From "Homeless to Home", Off the Streets Bridgeport provides support to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in the Greater Bridgeport area by providing a security deposit directly to landlords for those seeking help who have the means to pay a monthly rent, but do not have sufficient savings to pay a security deposit.



Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) – OPP is dedicated to empowering youth with the key competencies needed to overcome barriers and succeed in education, employment, and life. They provide support in the following areas: goal setting, life skills, financial education, job placement, internships, and more.



Project 1:99 Corp – Project 1:99 is committed to uplifting youth, strengthening families, and supporting communities through mentorship, leadership development, and education. Through structured programs, they create safe, empowering environments where young girls can build confidence and grow into leaders.



Youth Entrepreneurs, Inc. – Serves middle and high school students through entrepreneurship, financial literacy, career readiness, college exposure, and leadership development.



"ConnexCares is committed to the communities we serve and is proud to support thoughtful community partners through our charitable giving grant program", stated Carl Casper, President of ConnexCares. "The ConnexCares grant program reaffirms our commitment to our community and programs that help support financial literacy, children's health, food insecurity, and other worthy community causes."

Nonprofit community organizations are invited to apply at connexcu.org – ConnexCares – Grant Program.

About Connex

One of Connecticut's largest credit unions, Connex is a full-service credit union serving more than 70,000 members at eight branches. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in New Haven, Hartford, Middlesex, or Fairfield counties. For more information, please call 1-800-CR-UNION or visit connexcu.org.

About ConnexCares

Established in 2022, ConnexCares is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. More specifically, ConnexCares seeks to

address community needs by promoting financial literacy and well-being, providing financial assistance for education, addressing children's health, responding to food insecurity needs, and engaging in related volunteer and philanthropic activities.