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Connex Donates More Than \$900 to Hamden Animal Shelter Gift Fund

Funds were collected through Coins-for-Change charitable initiative



(left to right) Chief of Staff David Garretson, Animal Control Officer Chris Smith, Hamden Mayor Curt Leng, Carl Casper, executive vice president & chief operating officer, Connex Credit Union

Hamden, Conn (Sept. 17, 2018) - [Connex Credit Union](#) recently donated more than \$900 to Town of Hamden Animal Shelter Gift Fund in support of the organization's mission. These funds were raised through *Coins-for-Change*, Connex's philanthropic program that contributes more than \$13,000 annually to local charitable organizations as part of the [ConnexCares](#) initiative.



Gimme Shelter is an initiative started by local Hamden residents in response to the increase in abandoned animals in Hamden. In 2017, this initiative inspired the town to create an Animal Shelter Gift Fund so shelter donations could only be used for a new Hamden or Regional Animal Shelter.

As of this time, the town of Hamden is actively working on plans for its own shelter; currently it rents space from the North Haven animal shelter.

“Connex Credit Union is proud to support those making a difference in the community and having a positive impact in towns where we live and work,” said Carl Casper, executive vice president & chief operating officer, Connex Credit Union. “On behalf of Connex, thank you for supporting our Coins-for-Change program to further help organizations such as these.”

To donate to the Hamden Animal Shelter Gift Fund, please send donations to the Hamden Police department.

With the Coins-for-Change program, Connex charges a 5 percent fee to members, and a 7 percent fee to non-members, to use its coin-cashing machines. Each fiscal quarter, 100 percent of this money is donated to deserving organizations in the local community.

Local nonprofit or charitable organizations interested in participating in the “Coins-for-Change” program are encouraged to contact Roquita Johnson at Connex Credit Union, at 1-800-CR-UNION or rjohnson@connexcu.org.

About ConnexCares:

ConnexCares is Connex Credit Union’s charitable and philanthropic program. The mission through ConnexCares is to promote financial literacy, well-being and understanding to our members and the greater communities Connex serves.

About Connex Credit Union:

As the Unbank, Connex Credit Union is one of Connecticut’s largest credit unions serving more than 60,000 members at eight branches. Headquartered in North Haven, Connecticut, Connex is a full-service credit union that offers members a full-range of financial services and products. 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.

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