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**Connex Supports Clinical Cancer Research with More Than
\$750 Donation To Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research**

Funds collected through the Coins-for-Change program at Guilford Branch



(Pictured from left) Kerry Perrotta, branch manager, Connex Credit Union's Guilford Branch; Gary Laurito, president, Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research; Amie Guarraia, mother of Madeline Guarraia, namesake for the foundation's annual charitable gala.

GUILFORD, Conn (Aug. 14, 2017)- [Connex Credit Union](#) recently donated more than \$750 to [Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research](#) in support of clinical trials at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. These funds were raised through Coins-for-Change, Connex's philanthropic program which contributes more than \$13,000 annually to local charitable organizations as part of its [ConnexCares](#) Initiative.

Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research was established to fund research into the causes and cures of Leukemia and other related cancers. The organization is dedicated to raising public awareness for these diseases and providing both patients and families with financial assistance.

"We'd like to thank Connex Credit Union for their generous donation which coincided with our Madeline Guarraia Celebration of Life Gala," said Gary Laurito, president, Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research. "This money will help start phase one clinical trials in pediatric leukemia research at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital."

To learn more about Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research, or to donate, please visit leasfoundation.org.

With the Coins-for-Change program, Connex charges a five percent fee to members, and a seven 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 non-profit 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 48,000 members at 7 branches throughout greater New Haven. Headquartered in North Haven, Connecticut, Connex is a full-service member-owned credit union that offers members a full-range of financial services and products, including savings and loans, Unbank Checking, Smart Score credit score range, free online and mobile banking and more. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, attends school or worships in New Haven, Hartford, Middlesex or Fairfield Counties. Connex Credit Union helps guide and improve members' financial lives through the Connex Advocacy Promises: We will always work in your best interest; we will work with you to understand your goals, identify your financial needs and provide solutions to improve your life; and we will be responsive to you and make your experience simpler, faster and friendlier. It's time to Unbank! For more information, please call 1-800-CR-UNION or visit connexcu.org