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**Connex Inspires Youth to Improve Community with
More than \$800 Donation to Rain of Hope**

Money collected through Coins-for-Change Program will fund intergenerational celebration



Assistant Branch Manager of Connex's Hamden Branch Lamar Weaver (left) presents Rain of Hope Executive Director Jennifer Ricker (middle) and Office Assistant Danielle Lippold (right) with a check worth \$834.92. These funds were raised through the credit union's Coins-for-Change program.

HAMDEN, Conn (Aug. 17, 2017) - [Connex Credit Union](#) recently donated more than \$800 in support of [Rain of Hope's](#) community service programs and workshops which help develop social skills and empower individuals to change the world. These funds were raised through the Coins-for-Change program, which contributes more than \$13,000 annually to local charitable organizations as part of the [ConnexCares](#) philanthropic initiative

Rain of Hope leverages its numerous nonprofit partnerships to create community service learning programs focused on critical issues facing society, such as civil rights, violence, homelessness and much more. Rain of Hope's mission is to help individuals nurture and care for the world around them and understand the complex issues we face as a community and society.

"We'd like to thank Connex Credit Union for its generous donation received through the Coins-for-Change program," said Jennifer Ricker, executive director, Rain of Hope. "Rain of Hope is excited to use these funds towards our annual Intergenerational Halloween Bash which brings young trick-or-treaters and local seniors together for a fun day of games, tricks and treats."

To learn more, get involved or donate, please visit rainofhope.org.

As part of 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 50,000 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. 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.