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## **Consumers Credit Union Raised Over \$10,000 for March of Dimes**

### ***Member-owned credit union supports numerous events throughout Lake County***

Waukegan, IL, May 13, 2008: Consumers Credit Union's (CCU) mission is "To Deliver Quality Service to Members." Through the years, that mission has extended far beyond the offices of the Member-owned credit union. Actually, CCU has a huge commitment to community, charity and business events throughout Lake County.

"Serving Members is the most important thing we can do at Consumers Credit Union," according to Sean M. Rathjen, President of 78-year old credit union. "We give back to the community wherever possible because that helps the towns and villages as a whole . . . and by helping them; we are better able to serve our Members. We demonstrate our support by marching in parades, offering cash donations and by sponsoring many activities throughout Lake County."

A recent example of community service was the blood drive conducted at CCU's Round Lake Beach office in late April. The blood drive, held in conjunction with Life Source, attracted 23 generous donors and netted 19 pints of blood. These donations have the ability to save three lives for each pint collected during the drive, with the potential to save 57 lives in the local area!

Beginning in February of this year, CCU employees have been raising funds for the March of Dimes. Katherine McCabe, CCU's Contact Center Manager, led the team to a goal-breaking \$10,000 in donations. Katherine had this to say about the event, "It is amazing to see the dedication and commitment that employees and Members have for their communities. This was a record breaking year and it was all due to the fundraising efforts of our incredible staff."

March of Dimes will put the money raised to good use through funding research for causes of premature birth and what can be done to prevent it. Premature birth is the #1 cause of newborn death and the biggest threat to babies' health today. A picture of CCU presenting the donation to March of Dimes is enclosed.

Consumers Credit Union also sponsors local softball, soccer and baseball teams for boys and girls at various age levels. Already this year, CCU has supported three baseball, two softball, one soccer and one bowling team, along with four area school events. This averages to a little more than one team/event sponsorship each week!

CCU's support continues in the coming months, with sponsorships of community festivals all summer long. For example, the credit union will participate in the Round Lake Area Memorial day Parade, Waukegan's Independence parade, Holy Family's Tri-Parish Picnic and Kermesse, Waukegan's Walnut Street Festival, and community festivals in Zion, Gurnee, Mundelein and Park City. Watch for CCU at a neighborhood event near you!

For more information about CCU's support of community activities, contact Sean M. Rathjen, Consumers Credit Union President, at 847.782.4670. CCU is Member-owned, with offices in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee, and North Waukegan and online at [www.myconsumers.org](http://www.myconsumers.org).