

## LEADING EDGE CREDIT UNION MEMBERS SUPPORT DOG GUIDES PROGRAM

Members of Leading Edge Credit Union's Corner Brook branch donate over \$7,300 to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program.

**Corner Brook, NL** — Through their popular 50/50 fundraising program, the Corner Brook branch of Leading Edge Credit Union (LECU) has made an impressive donation to the Canada Dog Guides program which will help to bring a service dog to a Newfoundland family in need.

“We are so proud to lead this incredible community fundraising program in partnership with the Corner Brook Lion’s Club,” said Don Rideout, Manager of the Corner Brook branch.

“Through the generosity of our members, we have been able to raise \$7,357 for the Lion’s Dog Guides program, which provides service dogs to people with medical or physical disabilities at no cost to the individual. This is truly a life-changing program and, as a credit union, we feel it fits with our values of providing people with the help that they need to succeed.”

According to their [website](#), the Lions Foundation of Canada's mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost. The Foundation relies on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations and does not receive any government funding. It is not yet known the type of dog guide that will be finding a new home with a local family however the program will provide updates on the dog’s progress as it moves through the training and placement process.



Cheque presentation for \$ 7357.00 to The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. In the photo: Karen Buckle (left), President of Corner Brook Club, Earle Barrett (centre), N3 District Governor, and Donald Rideout, LECU's Corner Brook Branch Manager.

LECU's Corner Brook branch began their *Community Impact Fund* in April 2019 in partnership with the local Lions club. This 50/50 fundraiser, open to all shareholders of LECU's Corner Brook branch, has collected just over \$26,000 to date, fifty percent of which goes to support community initiatives such as the Dog Guide program and fifty percent has been paid out to six winners. Each week, the credit union posts updates on the 50/50 program on their [Facebook](#) page. Community groups who are interested in learning more about how to access the *Community Impact Fund* are encouraged to contact LECU.

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### About Leading Edge Credit Union

[Leading Edge Credit Union](#) is a full-service, member-owned co-operative financial institution with over 8,830 customer-owners and approximately \$122 million in assets. With five branch locations on the west and southwest coast of Newfoundland, LECU incorporates the [co-operative principles and values](#) into business operations to deliver social, economic, and environmental benefits to members, communities and other stakeholders.

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