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## **LSCU & Affiliates Contributes \$15,000 to OneOrlando Fund Following Shootings**

- **\$15,000 donation comes from LSCU, *LEVERAGE*, and the Southeast Credit Union Foundation**
- **Orlando is home to 18 credit unions**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. /TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 22, 2016** -- The League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates (LSCU) contributed \$15,000 to the OneOrlando Fund. The trade association for credit unions in Alabama and Florida hosted its annual Southeast Credit Union Conference & Expo (SCUCE) in Orlando, Fla., just days after the shooting at the Pulse nightclub. Orlando is a major credit union city in Florida with 18 credit unions being based in America's top tourist destination.

“Credit unions are locally-owned, cooperative financial institutions that work closely with our members and are a big part of their communities,” said LSCU & Affiliates Chairman Alvin J. Cowans, who is also President/CEO of McCoy Federal Credit Union in Orlando. “This tragedy strikes all of us deeply, especially my credit union, which serves the Orlando area. We want to ensure that our community begins the healing process, and this donation will provide some relief to the victims, their families and others that were touched in some way by this tragedy.”

“The events of last week coincided with our annual convention in Orlando, which we consider our adopted home as we annually bring over 1,000 credit union officials to town for this event,” said LSCU President and CEO Patrick La Pine. “Our board wanted to do something to show its support for a community that has been such a great partner for us and this event. Credit unions have a philosophy of ‘People Helping People,’ and this is a living example of it.”

The LSCU & Affiliates has held its signature Southeast Credit Union Conference & Expo in Orlando for seven years. During this year's conference, in addition to the donation, attendees held a moment of silence for the victims of the June 12 shooting.

**About the organizations:**

*The League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates represents 270 credit unions in Alabama and Florida with a combined total of \$68 billion in assets and more than 6.8 million members. LSCU provides advocacy and*



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*The Southeastern Credit Union Foundation (SECUF) is dedicated to serving Alabama and Florida credit unions through its efforts of charity, community, and cooperation. A non-profit organization, the SECUF was formed through the combination of the three foundations of the former Alabama and Florida leagues.*

*The SECUF is also dedicated to improving lives by helping credit unions better serve their members and communities with an emphasis on financial literacy, professional development and education, and disaster relief.*

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