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Judy Burnis, of Friends Together, right, accepts a check from, left to right, Kathie Hoppe, Nancy Snow, Leeny Ries, Ann Hall, Barb Mills and Gary Altman as the proceeds from Calcite Credit Union's fundraising season for Friends Together.

Calcite Credit Union raises nearly \$19K for Friends Together

Calcite Credit Union wrapped up its 2017 fundraising season for "Friends Together." The numbers for 2017 were record breaking and exceeded expectations, raising \$18,760.31.

This donation wouldn't be possible without the volunteers who donate their time to the many different fundraising events that CCU helps host throughout the year or without Plath's Meats. It is estimated that over 40 different members of the community offer their time to make all the events possible and countless hours every week are put into each event.

Donations come from different events that are highlights in the community that people look forward to all year. Some of these fundraisers are the

casual dress down days, direct mailing, the annual dance party, and the Plath's hot dog and bratwurst lunches. Personal and employee contributions are added into the final number as well.

The first major fundraising event that CCU hosts is the annual dance party, which consists of live music, both silent and live auctions, costume contests, and other fun events. The party is themed and changes every year. The event is held early spring on a Saturday night at The Serviceman's Club downtown Rogers City. This year's dance party raised \$8,500, surpassing last year's record of \$7,800.

The most anticipated fundraising event that takes place is the Plath's hot dog lunches. These

lunches run for eight weeks during the summer, and are every Friday afternoon at the Calcite Credit Union Branch in Rogers City. This year's total proceeds were \$8,007.31. For this year's eight lunches, CCU went through 710 pounds of Plath's hot dogs and brats, 2,254 cans of soda, 464 bottles of water, 85 pounds of onions, and 2,800 bags of chips.

Calcite Credit Union has been holding the hot dog lunches for 13 years and hosting the dance party for 12. These two events have grown exponentially over the years, and look like they only will keep getting bigger.

The success of these fundraisers is credited to all proceeds raised go toward people who are battling cancer and in need in Presque Isle County.