



Contact: Audrey Bonfig  
Tel.: 614.707.4122  
Cell: 614.284.9988  
Email: [a\\_bonfig@bmifcu.org](mailto:a_bonfig@bmifcu.org)  
Website: [www.bmifcu.org](http://www.bmifcu.org)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 17, 2017

**BMI FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PIONEERS NEW PROGRAM**  
Teaching Inner City Youth Why Money Matters

Dublin, OH (July 13, 2017) – One of BMI Federal Credit Union’s founding principles is to improve the financial lives of the community they serve, and last week, they brought that principle to life. The credit union started a new program for foster and inner city youth in Franklin County called *My Money Matters*. The program focused on providing the youth with the skills, education and confidence they need to be financially responsible. “We want the kids to know that there are sound and ethical financial institutions out there that can help them in every stage of their life,” says Nancy Sullivan Graf, Financial Education Manager at BMI Federal Credit Union.

Each child was assigned a staff member who was there to serve as their “Credit Union Person” and answer any questions they had about their accounts and finances in general. The program included six sessions that covered various topics such as money skills, life skills, money problems and practical application. One of the sessions involved a *Finances 101* game at BMI Federal Credit Union’s Dublin branch, where the children took part in an interactive game of *Life*, where they were given a job, a salary and tasked with paying a month’s worth of bills. The session ended with etiquette skills and a pretend business dinner, catered by Dublin’s Party Panache.

The program will conclude with a graduation ceremony on July 26, 2017.

**About BMI Federal Credit Union**

BMI Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution open to anyone that lives, works, worships or attends school in Franklin, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union, Delaware or Morrow County. Federally insured by NCUA. Founded in 1936, BMI Federal Credit Union’s mission is to improve the financial lives of its members with a breadth of services, including the award-winning Financial Wellness Program. Voted Reader’s Choice “Best Credit Union” for five consecutive years and “Best Mortgage Lender” for three consecutive years by readers of *ThisWeek News*.

Recognized as “Best Employer in Ohio” eight years in a row by the Ohio SHRM State Council and Best Companies Group. For more information about BMI Federal Credit Union visit [www.bmifcu.org](http://www.bmifcu.org).

###

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Nancy Sullivan Graf at 614-707-4124 or [n\\_graf@bmifcu.org](mailto:n_graf@bmifcu.org).