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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$123,850 IN GRANTS

MIDDLETOWN, CT – Rounding out fourth quarter for the Liberty Bank Foundation, \$123,850 in grants were presented to nonprofit organizations serving in Liberty’s footprint and surrounding areas to support programs that will provide college preparation, youth development, job training, financial education, affordable housing, nonprofit capacity building, and more.

The following organizations received grants:

ACCESS Agency, Inc. - \$5,050

To support the Access to Employment Program

Amity Teen Center - \$5,000

To support an after-school tutoring and enrichment program for New Haven Public School youth ages 6-12

Beat the Street Community Center - \$3,000

To support the Career Explorer Program

Beulah Land Development Corp. - \$10,000

To expand the capacity of the agency to develop more affordable housing by expanding the Chief Operating Office/Program Manager position to full time

Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - \$4,300

To support the Hal Kaplan Middletown Mentor Program

CT Center for Arts and Technology - \$5,000

To support the Adult Career Training Programs in New Haven

CT Coalition to End Homelessness. - \$5,000

To provide technical assistance and community impact support to the Coordinated Access Network serving Meriden, Middlesex County, and Wallingford

CT Veterans Legal Center - \$5,000

To support legal services to help veterans avoid and recover from homelessness

Friendship Service Center of New Britain - \$7,500

To support the development of the North Street Apartments, an affordable housing project in New Britain

Hygienic Arts - \$3,000

To support “Do the Write Thing,” an after-school creative writing program for New London middle school students

Klingberg Family Centers - \$5,000

To support a vocational education program for special needs/at-risk students attending Raymond Hill School in New Britain

Liberty Community Services - \$5,000

To support the Liberty Shelter Diversion Program

Literacy Volunteers of Central CT - \$2,500

To support the Parenting for Academic Success (PAS) program

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven - \$5,000

To expand free literacy classes to adult learners in New Haven, Meriden, and Wallingford

Middletown Emergency Warming Center – \$2,500

To support the Middletown Emergency Warming Center for homeless people in Middletown

Middletown Public Schools - \$7,500

To support the Parent Leadership Training Institute

New Life Prison Ministry - \$2,000

To provide transitional housing and support services to female ex-offenders in New London County

Pro Bono Partnership - \$5,000

To continue to expand provision of educational services and expert legal assistance to qualifying nonprofits in Liberty Bank's service area

Reach Out and Read - \$10,000

To support early literacy programming in Bristol, Mansfield, and Windham

Ryan Woods Autism Foundation - \$2,000

To support the Wal-Mart School to Work program, an on-site career training program for individuals with autism or related disabilities

Squash Haven - \$5,000

To support the Afterschool Academic and Enrichment Program for Middle School students

St. Vincent DePaul Middletown - \$6,000

To support the Meals and Community Assistance Programs

UConn Foundation - \$2,500

To support the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities

Village for Families and Children - \$2,500

To support the Family Financial Stability Initiative

Wesleyan University - \$5,000

To support the Pre-College Access Program

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry - \$3,500

To support the Unmet Needs Fund

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people of low or moderate income by investing in three areas: education to promote economic success for children and families; affordable housing; and nonprofit capacity building. Along with its

grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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