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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION DONATES \$100,500 TO NORWICH, NEW LONDON, AND WINDHAM COMMUNITIES

NORWICH, CT — Nineteen agencies serving the Norwich, New London, and Windham communities recently received a total of \$100,500 in grants from Liberty Bank Foundation.

The grants span a broad spectrum of services and will help hundreds of local residents by supporting education of youth and adults, contributing to the creation of affordable housing, and sustaining vital human services, including the continued fight to end hunger and homelessness.

Agencies included:

- **Connecticut Association for Human Services** to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- **Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities** to support renovation costs of an affordable home at 258 Ledyard Street in New London
- **Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center** to purchase perishable foods for households that are food insecure in southeastern CT
- **Higher Edge** to provide intensive college access and success programming to low-income and first-generation college-bound students from New London County and Windham



Liberty Bank President & CEO Chandler J. Howard (right) presents grants to support the United Way annual appeal and the Gemma E. Moran/Labor Food Center to United Way of Southeastern Connecticut President & CEO Virginia Mason.

- **Hygienic Arts, Inc.** to support Do the Write Thing/Picture My World, an afterschool creative writing program for New London middle school students
- **Jumpstart for Young Children** to provide early literacy education to low-income preschool children in New Britain, New Haven, Storrs, and Windham
- **Martin House** to support the Adult Education/Employment Support Program
- **New England Science and Sailing Foundation** to support the NESS Ocean Experience Experiential Learning Program
- **New London Adult Education** to support students who have earned their high school diploma and are seeking to further their education
- **New London Youth Affairs** to support the Early Childhood Family Center
- **Norwich Adult Education** to support students who have earned their high school diploma and are seeking to further their education
- **Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters** to support the site-based mentoring programs at five schools in Windham
- **Our Piece of the Pie** to support community-based youth development programming in Eastern CT
- **Reach Out and Read, Inc.** to support early literacy programming in Bristol, Mansfield, and Windham
- **Safe Futures** to support the Transitional Living Program
- **Thames River Community Service, Inc.** to support the Employment and Permanent Supportive Housing programs
- **The Connecticut Storytelling Center, Inc.** to support the Littlest Listeners Program for preschool students at Bishop Elementary School in Norwich
- **Three Rivers Community College** to support scholarships for students
- **United Way of Southeastern CT** to support the annual appeal

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10 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.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest bank, with \$4.5 billion in assets and 55 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, Liberty offers consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Named a "Top Workplace" by the Hartford Courant for five consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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