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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$13,000 IN GRANTS TO
NEW BRITAIN-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

NEW BRITAIN — The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$13,000 in grants for three organizations based in New Britain that will provide for youth development and housing support.

The following organizations received grants:

Boys and Girls Club of New Britain - \$5,000

To support Power Hour/Homework Club

Coalition for New Britain's Youth - \$5,000

To support New Britain's cradle-to-career community partnership

The Prudence Crandall Center - \$3,000

To support the Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10.3 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 grant-making, 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 almost \$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 as 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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PHOTO CAPTION:

Marzena Bukowski, branch manager, Liberty Bank, (r) presents a \$5,000 grant to Robin Sparks, executive director, Coalition for New Britain's Youth, to support its Cradle-to-Career Community Partnership. The Coalition represents four previously separate groups, which have joined forces to improve the educational, health, and employment success of New Britain's youth. In 2016, New Britain was designated one of 10 All American Cities by the National Civic League for its work (including that of the Coalition) to ensure all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and life.