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### **LIBERTY BANK 'LEND A HAND'**

MIDDLETOWN, CT – June was a busy month for Liberty Bank as hundreds of employees contributed to the bank-wide effort “Liberty Lends a Hand” in which President and CEO, Chandler Howard, encouraged all bank employees to give back to the community through volunteerism or collections for charity. At the end of the month, a total of 18 nonprofit agencies benefitted from 940 volunteer hours from Liberty Bank employees and 74 collections were held for goods to be donated to organizations in the bank’s footprint.

“Last month, our employees went above and beyond to make a difference in the communities we serve,” said Chandler Howard, President and CEO of Liberty Bank. “Volunteerism and giving back are core values to Liberty Bankers; but last month we took volunteerism and giving back to a new level. I could not be more proud to be a part of this team.”

Over the month of June, 180 Liberty Bank employees volunteered their time towards 21 projects at nonprofit agencies, totaling 940 hours of community service. Eighteen partner agencies benefitted from volunteer projects including landscaping at the Habitat for Humanity house in Portland, painting the lobby at the Boys & Girls Club of Waterbury, running a Field Day at Macdonough School in Middletown, setting up for events, hosting a barbecue for veterans in New Haven and much more.

In addition to the volunteer projects, all 55 Liberty Bank branches and 15 work groups throughout the company hosted collections of items for charities in their communities. Branch collections brought in over 7,000 items including 4,029 diapers, 570 pet items, 2,382 food items, 1,077 toiletries, 166 games and craft kits, 354 books and school supplies, and 130 birthday cards.

Liberty Bank offers every employee four full paid days off for community service each year. During 2015, 276 of Liberty’s employees volunteered 13,796 hours of their time to help 312 non-profit organizations. Organizations include soup kitchens, food pantries, Habitat for Humanity chapters, local schools, and Boys & Girls Clubs across Liberty’s footprint.

“Liberty Lends a Hand was a month-long initiative, but our commitment to the community continues year-round,” said Howard. “Our hope is that this annual campaign will continue to grow and inspire employees within Liberty Bank, as well as the communities we serve, to volunteer and give to those who need a hand up. Next year is going to be even better!”

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut’s oldest mutual bank, with almost \$4.4 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 four consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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