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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$170,000 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT – The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$170,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving in Liberty Bank’s footprint and surrounding areas to support programs that will provide youth development, job training, college preparation, affordable housing, shelter support, and more.

The following organizations received grants:

Adelbrook - \$5,000

To pay wages for work study training to high school juniors and seniors with developmental disabilities in Middlesex County

Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich - \$5,000

To support the Emergency Basic Needs Fund and case management services

Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT, Inc. - \$3,000

To support early childhood education for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children in New London and Groton

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

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

Columbus House, Inc. – 2,500

To support the Middlesex Family Shelter & Services program

Connecticut Food Bank - \$3,000

To support the Middletown Kids Backpack program

Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities - \$3,000

To support administrative costs of the New London County Downpayment Program for low-income, first-time homebuyers in New London County

Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. - \$2,500

To support the Education Component at the Pathways/Senderos Center

HigherEdge - \$7,500

To provide intensive college access and success programming to low-income and first-generation college-bound students from new London County and Windham

Housing Development Fund - \$3,000

To support the First Time Homebuyer Program

Jumpstart for Young Children - \$10,000

To provide early literacy education to low-income preschool children in New Britain, New Haven, Storrs, and Windham

Madonna Place - \$3,000

To support the Family School Connection Program

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven - \$5,000

To support Phases II and III of the Affordable Rental Program

Norwich Safety Net Team - \$2,500

To support the Golden Wishes Program and the Job Related Incidentals Fund

New England Science and Sailing Foundation - \$2,500

To provide STEM education enrichment to middle school youth from the New London area through interaction with the environment

New London PLTI Collaborative - \$3,000

To support PEP programming in New London

New London Youth Affairs - \$2,500

To support the Early Childhood Family Center

New Reach - \$3,000

To support the Life Haven Emergency Shelter for Women and Children

Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters - \$2,500

To support site-based mentoring programs at elementary and middle schools in the town of Windham and community-based mentoring in New London County

Oddfellows Playhouse - \$3,000

To support Theater Explorers, a theatre-based after-school program

Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc. - \$3,000

To support the provision of basic human needs

Prudence Crandall Center - \$3,000

To support the Permanent Supportive Housing program

Solar Youth - \$5,000

To support the Youth Educator internship program, which trains low-income teenagers to provide hands-on environmental education to younger children

St. Martin de Porres Academy - \$2,500

To support the Graduate Support Program

The Bridge Family Center - \$3,500

To support the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) program in West Hartford

The Connection, Inc. - \$3,000

To support the Eddy Shelter

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra - \$2,500

To provide support for an after-school music, cultural, and civic enrichment program for low-income Waterbury children

Windham Regional Community Council - \$2,500

To support Windham Youth Core/GROW Windham

Windham Regional No Freeze Hospitality Center, Inc. - \$3,500

To support general operating expenses of the shelter

Women and Families Center - \$5,000

To support Open DOHR, a vocational training program for low-income adults

Working Cities Challenge - \$20,000

\$60,000 has been awarded to support the Working Cities Challenge to be paid in equal increments of \$20,000 over the next three years

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.

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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