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LIBERTY BANK HONORS MARZENA BUKOWSKI FOR VOLUNTEERISM

NEW BRITAIN, CT - Marzena Bukowski, Liberty Bank's New Britain branch manager, has been inducted into the Liberty Bank Volunteer Hall of Fame, the bank's highest honor for community service by its employees. Bukowski was recognized for her long-term involvement with the Polish Language School, the Prudence Crandall Center, and Central CT ARC. She was chosen by a panel of employees who previously earned the honor.



Liberty Bank President and CEO Chandler J. Howard (r) presents the Volunteer Hall of Fame Award to Marzena Bukowski, branch manager, New Britain, for her extraordinary service to the community.

“As a community bank, Liberty has a long tradition of service to its communities,” said Liberty Bank President and CEO Chandler J. Howard. There is always strong competition for the award, with Liberty Bank employees collectively amassing 14,000 hours of community service in 2015 alone.

Liberty Bank Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees are selected based on their extraordinary service to the community, and the depth and longevity of their volunteer involvements.

Formerly a school teacher in Poland, Bukowski came to the United States in 1990. She immediately put her background to work by volunteering at the Polish Language School in New Britain, where she taught American-born children about the Polish culture and its language. “I love working with children and this was the perfect place for me,” says Bukowski. For the past five years, Bukowski has acted as the school's vice president and continues to volunteer and raise funds.

Bukowski joined the board of the Prudence Crandall Center in 2012, seeking to help address the issue of domestic violence. “The center is a safe place for victims to recover and get back on their feet, and this is very meaningful and rewarding work,” says Bukowski. Her activities on behalf of the center include public awareness, fundraising, and organizing volunteer support.

Bukowski is a member of the New Britain Rotary Club, the New Britain Housing Committee, and also volunteers for the Central CT ARC’s annual golf tournament.

As a new Hall of Famer, Bukowski is entitled to direct a \$1,000 donation from the Liberty Bank Foundation to the nonprofit organization of her choice. She chose the Prudence Crandall Center.

Bukowski lives in Middletown with her family.

Liberty Bank also honors its employee volunteers monthly by choosing one at random and affording them the opportunity to direct a \$250 donation to the nonprofit of their choice. All employees also may use up to four bank-paid days yearly to serve in their communities.

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$9.9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in its market area.

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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