LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES $99,800 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT—The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved $99,800 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving in Liberty Bank’s footprint and surrounding areas to support programs that will provide early childhood education, affordable housing, and basic human needs. The following organizations received grants:

**New London County**

**FRESH New London** - $5,000
To support the FRESH leadership program

**Light House Voc-Ed Center** - $5,000
To retain a development consultant to support the creation of 10 units of affordable housing for individuals with autism.

**Riverfront Children’s Center, Inc.** - $5,000
To support early childhood educational programming at the center

**Thames Valley Council for Community for Action, Inc.** -- $5,000
To support the homelessness prevention and diversion financial assistance pool

**Hartford County**

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford** - $5,000
To support the Meriden Family Center’s school readiness program

**Connecticut Housing Coalition** - $5,000
To test the feasibility of an affordable housing internship program

**Connecticut Invention Convention** -- $5,000
To support expansion of the STEM learning program into two new schools in Bristol

**Farm to Family, Inc.** - $2,500
To expand the West Hartford weekend backpack program for elementary school students who are food insecure
Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc. - $2,500
to support Step Up to STEM, a program designed to involve girls in STEM-related activities

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc. - $10,000
to support creation of a full-time developer/property manager position

New Britain Youth Theater - $2,500
to support the On Stage! youth theater program

Middlesex County
Middlesex Coalition for Children – $5,000
to support general operating expenses

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT, Inc. - $5,000
to support the renovation of a home at 160 Julia Terrace, Middletown

The Connection, Inc. - $5,000
to supply food for shelter residents and to purchase a computer for staff

New Haven County
Agency on Aging of South Central CT - $5,000
to support the Experience Corps, and intergenerational literacy program for k-3 students

Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. - $5,000
to support the SMART program (single mothers actively reaching the top)

Music Haven - $5,000
to support the academic success initiative

Windham County
ACCESS Community Action Agency, Inc. - $5,000
to support the access to employment program

Horizons - $2,500
to support the educational support services stipends project

Windham Regional Community Council - $4,800
to support Windham Youth CORE/GROW Windham

Windham Regional No Freeze Hospitality Center, Inc. - $5,000
to expand the position of the shelter to manager to include system change work to end youth homelessness

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over $10.7 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank’s market area since its inception. 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 basic human needs, such as food and shelter. Along with its grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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