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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$100,850 IN GRANTS**

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$100,850 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:

**Greater New London**

**Connecticut College - \$3,000**

to support the Family Literacy initiative

**Hartford County**

**Literacy Volunteers of Central CT - \$3000**

To support the Parenting for Academic Success program in New Britain

**Veterans, Inc. - \$5,000**

to expand the position of lead employment specialist from part-time to full-time

**Marketwide**

**Capital for Change - \$5,000**

to conduct a marketing campaign to attract socially responsible affordable-housing investors

**Housing Development Fund - \$5,000**

to support First Time Homebuyer education

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation - \$5,000**

to provide technical assistance for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization

**Middlesex County**

**Business and Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - \$4,950**

to support the Hal Kaplan Middletown Mentor Program

**Meriden Wallingford Chrysalis - \$5,000**

to support Child Advocacy services

**Middletown Public Schools - \$7,500**

to support the evaluation of the school district's Home Visiting programs

**Russell Library - \$5,400**

to support the Career Services program

**Spanish Community of Wallingford - \$7,500**

to support the Adelante America Youth Leadership program

**St. Vincent de Paul Middletown - \$6,000**

to support the Meals and Community Assistance programs

**Wesleyan University - \$5,000**

to support the Pre-College Access program

**New Haven County**

**Connecticut Veterans Legal Center - \$5,000**

to support the Removing Legal Barriers program

**New Haven International Festival of Arts and Ideas - \$2,500**

to support the High School Fellowship program

**Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History - \$5,000**

to support the EVOLUTIONS after-school program

**Norwich – Willimantic**

**Arts for Learning - \$2,500**

to support artist residencies for the Developing Stories program in Norwich Public Schools

**Covenant Soup Kitchen - \$5,000**

to support purchase of food

**Willimantic Area Interfaith Ministry - \$3,500**

to support the Unmet Needs Fund

**Working Cities Challenge - Norwich - \$5,000**

to provide matching funds to support the Working Cities Challenge

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10.9 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 grant-making, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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