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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS \$80,000 IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Middletown, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded \$80,000 in scholarships to community colleges and adult education programs in its market area.

“We’re firm believers in the idea that, through education, all things are possible,” said Sue Murphy, executive director, Liberty Bank Foundation. “Our scholarships are directed to low-income adults who might not otherwise have an opportunity to study, advance their careers, and create economic stability for their families.”

A total of \$46,000 in funding to community colleges can be used, at the discretion of each college, for scholarships and/or an emergency fund, which can cover expenses such as textbooks, fees, or transportation to and from school.

“Our community colleges offer an affordable pathway to higher education that is accessible to almost anyone,” said Murphy.

Liberty Bank Foundation awarded a total of \$34,000 to seventeen adult education programs throughout its market area that offer full adult high school diploma programs. The goal is to support adult education graduates who want to continue to higher education.

“Unlike most scholarships, which can only be used for expenses like tuition and room and board, ours is geared to nontraditional students who may need help paying for child care, transportation, or other expenses that can pose barriers to continuing education,” said Murphy. She noted that the scholarship recipients are selected by each adult education program.

Recipients are:

GREATER NEW HAVEN COUNTY ■ \$28,000

- East Shore Regional Adult & Continuing Education
- Gateway Community College, New Haven
- Hamden Adult Education
- Meriden Adult Education

- Naugatuck Adult Education
- Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury
- New Haven Adult Education
- Valley Regional Adult Education
- Wallingford Adult Education
- Waterbury Adult Education

HARTFORD COUNTY ■ \$18,000

- Bristol Adult Education
- Capital Community College, Hartford
- New Britain Adult Education
- Newington Adult Education
- Plainville Adult Education
- Tunxis Community College, Farmington

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ■ \$12,000

- Middlesex Community College, Middletown
- Middletown Adult Education

NEW LONDON COUNTY ■ \$14,000

- Groton Adult Education
- New London Adult Education
- Norwich Adult Education
- Three Rivers Community College, Norwich

WINDHAM COUNTY ■ \$8,000

- Quinebaug Valley Community College, Windham
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Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded almost \$11 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank’s market area since its inception in 1997. 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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