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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$263,500 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$263,500 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving Liberty Bank’s market area and surrounding towns to support programs that will provide early childhood education, affordable housing, and basic human needs. The following organizations received grants:

Greater Hartford

Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center - \$5,000

to support Power Hour, a program to help drive academic success for school-age youth

Boys & Girls Club of New Britain, Inc. -- \$5,000

to support Power Hour/Homework Club

Prudence Crandall Center -- \$3,500

to support the Permanent Supportive Housing program

Rebuilding Together New Britain -- \$3,500

to support Rebuilding Day and Safe at Home programs

The Governor’s Prevention Partnership -- \$5,000

to boost the capacity of mentoring programs to raise funds and build community partnerships

Marketwide

Connecticut Association for Human Services - \$10,000

to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

Jump Start for Young Children - \$7,500

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

Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc. - \$5,000

to support the Career Constructions program for young women

Reach Out and Read Inc. -- \$7,500

To support programming in Bristol, Mansfield, and Willimantic

Middlesex County

Business and Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - \$5,000

to support the Summer Youth Employment program

Connecticut Food Bank - \$15,000 (over three years)

to support the Middletown Kids Backpack program

HOPE Partnership, Inc. -- \$3,000

to increase capacity to manage development projects

Middlesex YMCA -- \$3,500

to fund the KidzMath after school program for grades K—2

St. Vincent De Paul Middletown -- \$3,000

to support the Middletown Emergency Warming Shelter

Tri-Town Youth Services -- \$5,000

to support PEP programming in Deep River

New Haven County

Amity Teen Center - \$5,000

to support the life After High School program

Columbus House - \$10,000

to support the Middlesex Family Shelter and the Wallingford Emergency Shelter

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen -- \$2,500

to support the Evening Meals and Pantry program

IRIS -- \$15,000 (over three years)

to support the Summer Learning program

LEAP, Inc. -- \$15,000 (over three years)

to support the Learning to Code program

Liberty Community Services -- \$5,000

to fund the Sunrise Café, a free breakfast program

Meriden Farmers Market -- \$3,000

to support the Doubling Dollars program

New Haven Science Fair Foundation -- \$5,000

to support the Science Mentor program

New Reach -- \$15,000 (over three years)
to support the Emergency Shelter for Families

Solar Youth -- \$5,000
to support the Youth Educator Internship program

Squash Haven -- \$15,000 (over three years)
to support ongoing college access programming for middle and high school students in New Haven

The Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury -- \$2,500
to support the LACE program for youth

Wallingford Family YMCA -- \$5,000
to support the Upward Bound program

Women and Families Center -- \$5,000
to support the Open DOHR program, a vocational training program for low-income adults

New London County

Hygienic Art, Inc. -- \$3,500
to support the Do the Write Thing/Picture My World program

New London Area Food Coalition, Inc. -- \$2,500
to purchase food for Project Feeding the Food Insecure program

New London Youth Affairs -- \$15,000 (over three years)
to support ongoing PEP programming

OIC of New London County, Inc. -- \$5,000
to support the Culinary Arts Career Technical Training program

Safe Futures -- \$4,000
to support the Phoenix House Transitional Living program

Norwich – Willimantic

ACCESS Community Action Agency – \$3,000
to fund the Windham Homelessness Intervention Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT -- \$15,000 (over three years)
to help build six affordable homes in Norwich for low-income families

Martin House - \$5,000
to support the Adult Education/Employment program

Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters -- \$6,000
to support school-based mentoring programs

Our Piece of the Pie -- \$5,000

to support community-based youth development

Thames River Community Service - \$5,000

to support the Employment/Career Training and Permanent Housing program

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$11 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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