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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$194,587 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$194,587 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:

Hartford County

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain \$3,500

To support a nonprofit capacity-building initiative

ConnectiKids, Inc. \$5,000

To support the tutoring and mentoring program

Hands on Hartford \$5,000

To support the Community Meals Day Center

International Hartford \$2,500

To support financial literacy education

Knox, Inc. \$5,000

To empower beginning farmers to achieve long-term financial success

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford \$5,000

To support the Career Pathways program for East Hartford residents

Plainville Community Food Pantry \$3,000

To support general operating expenses

Women’s League Child Development Center, Inc.. \$5,000

To support the Big League Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School

Greater New Haven

Boys and Girls Club of Meriden \$5,000

To support Project Learn

Liberty Community Services \$2,500

To support the Sunrise Café

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven \$5,000

To support free literacy tutoring for employment in Meriden and Wallingford

Master's Manna \$5,000

To support food reclamation, storage and distribution

Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA \$5,000

To support the Summer Youth Employment program

Meriden Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. \$5,000

To support Child Advocacy and Child Self-Sufficiency program

New Haven Ecology Project \$5000

To support the Green Jobs Corps

New Haven Science Fair Foundation \$5,000

To support the New Haven Science Fair program

Project Youth Court \$5,000

To support Project Youth Court in New Haven

United Way of Greater New Haven \$5,000

To support coordination of services to homeless youth

Naugatuck Valley

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Waterbury \$3,587

To support the Summer Brain Gain program

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc. \$5,000

To provide general operating support for food programs

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury \$5,000

To support tutor recruitment and training

St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, Inc. \$30,000 (over three years)

To implement a Community Care Team to address collaboratively the health and human services needs of frequent visitors to the hospital's emergency department

Young Men's Christian Association of Naugatuck \$4,000

To support Academically Fit, a before- and after-school program for youth in Naugatuck

Statewide

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust \$5,000

To support the Empowerment Resource Academy

Middlesex County

Wesleyan University \$15,000 (over three years)

To support the Girls in Science program

Greater New London

Always Home \$5,000

To fund the Shelter Diversion/Homelessness Prevention program

Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT, Inc. \$5,000

To support the New London Day Nursery

New London Community Meal Center, Inc. \$2,500

To provide general operating support

New London Homeless Hospitality Center \$5,000

To support general operations

Ocean Community YMCA of Mystic \$5,000

To support extended learning time and the after-school program in New London

Norwich / Willimantic

Covenant Soup Kitchen 15,000 (over three years)

To support general operating expenses

ECSU Center for Community Engagement \$5,000

To support the Juvenile Review Board Mentoring program

Martin House \$3,000

To support the Adult Education and Employment program

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$12 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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