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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS \$124,600 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

MIDDLETOWN, CT — The Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors has awarded 124,600 in grants to 29 nonprofit organizations serving Middlesex and New London Counties, Hebron, Meriden, New Britain, Wallingford, West Hartford, and Willimantic. The grants were approved at the board's fourth quarter meeting in December.

Following is a list of the organizations that were awarded grants, grouped by region:

Marketwide:

Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council - \$5,000

To support the expansion of the Scoutreach Program in Middletown, New London, Norwich, and Willimantic

CT Center for School Change - \$5,000

To support Parents SEE programming in Windham and Wallingford

Operation Fuel, Inc. - \$5,000

To support the Emergency Energy Assistance Program

Hartford County:

Hartford Jewish Coalition for Literacy - \$2,500

To support the Elementary Express Program

The Bridge Family Center - \$5,000

To support the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) program in West Hartford

Middlesex County:

Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - \$4,300

To support the Middletown Mentor Program

Connecticut Food Bank - \$3,000

To support the Middletown Kids Backpack Program

Mercy Housing & Shelter - \$5,000

To support the Shepherd Home transitional living program

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT, Inc. - \$5,000

To support the A Brush with Kindness Program

Middletown Emergency Warming Center - \$2,500

To support an emergency winter warming center for homeless people in Middletown

St. Vincent DePaul Middletown - \$6,000

To support the Meals and Outreach Initiatives

Middlesex County *(continued):*

Valley Shore YMCA - \$2,500

To support the after-school childcare/enrichment programs

Warm the Children - \$2,500

To purchase new warm winter clothing and footwear for northern Middlesex County children whose families cannot afford to do so

Wesleyan University - \$5,000

To support the Student College Success Program

New Haven County:

Spanish Community of Wallingford - \$5,000

To support the Positive Youth Development Program

Wallingford Emergency Shelter - \$3,000

To support the new transitional living program for homeless families

Wallingford Youth and Social Services - \$5,000

To support Parents SEE programming in Wallingford

Greater New London:

Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center - \$5,000

To purchase nutritious emergency food for those in need in New London County

Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern CT - \$5,000

To renovate four homes in Southeastern CT

New London PLTI Collaborative - \$5,000

To support Parent Leadership Training Institute and Parents SEE programming in New London

Riverfront Children's Center, Inc. - \$3,300

To purchase equipment for the new preschool classrooms

Norwich/Willimantic:

Andover, Hebron, Marlborough Youth and Family Services, Inc. - \$2,000

To support the Family Resource Center

Children First Norwich - \$5,000

To support the Voices for Families and VFF Teen programs

Friendship Service Center of New Britain, Inc. - \$2,500

To purchase food for the shelter and soup kitchen

Greater Windham Region Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness - \$5,000

To create a free online database resource of existing and potential affordable housing in Windham

Norwich Community Care Team - \$5,000

To support the Homeless Hospitality Center

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry - \$3,500

To support the Unmet Needs Fund

Windham Community After School Program - \$10,000

To support before- and after-school programming for elementary school students in Windham

Norwich/Willimantic *(continued)*:

Windham County Homeless Coalition/Continuum of Care - \$2,000

To support the Windham Homeless Intervention Fund

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$7 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 the areas of preventive programming for children and families, affordable housing, and nonprofit capacity building. 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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