

# NEWS



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## LIBERTY BANK GIVING CIRCLE TO BENEFIT HOMELESS

MIDDLETOWN, CT — During the months of April and May, applying for a mortgage at Liberty Bank offers more than a great rate and superior service for home buyers: it also helps homeless people throughout the area served by the bank.

Liberty's Giving Circle program sets aside \$100 for every mortgage application received by the bank during April and May, and then donates the accumulated funds to 25 local agencies that provide emergency or transitional housing for homeless families and individuals. Last year's distribution of \$54,200 brought the total donated under 20-year-old program to almost \$400,000.

"There's something very satisfying about the idea that someone who is about to buy a home of their own—a big event in anyone's life—is at the same time helping to shelter someone else who has no home at all," said Thomas J. Hylinski, executive vice president of Liberty Bank's Retail Lending group. He noted that the Giving Circle program is being extended this year to include St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol, where Liberty recently opened its 49<sup>th</sup> banking office.

Giving Circle funds for 2014 will be granted to the following nonprofit organizations:

### **Hartford County:**

- Bristol Homeless Shelter, operated by St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol, Inc.
- Friendship Service Center, New Britain
- Prudence Crandall Center, New Britain
- Salvation Army Shelter, New Britain

### **Middlesex County:**

- The Eddy Center, operated by The Connection, Inc., Middletown
- Middlesex Family Shelter, operated by Columbus House, Middletown
- New Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter, operated by Community Health Center, Middletown
- Shepherd Home, operated by Mercy Housing & Shelter, Middletown

### **New Haven County:**

- Christian Community Action, New Haven
- Columbus House, New Haven
- Emergency Shelter Management Services, New Haven
- Liberty Community Services, New Haven
- New Haven Home Recovery, New Haven
- Shelter Now, operated by New Opportunities, Inc., Meriden
- Wallingford Emergency Shelter, Wallingford

**Greater New London:**

Covenant Shelter of New London  
Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality, Mystic  
New London Homeless Hospitality Center, New London  
Safe Futures, New London

**Norwich:**

Bethsaida Community  
Kirkbride/Lang Shelter, operated by TVCCA  
Martin House  
Thames River Family Program, operated by Thames River Community Service

**Willimantic:**

Holy Family Home & Shelter  
United Services Domestic Violence Shelter

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