LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS $76,996 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

MIDDLETOWN, CT — The Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors has awarded $76,996 in grants to 21 nonprofit organizations serving Middlesex and New London Counties, Mansfield, Meriden, New Britain, Plainville, and Willimantic. The grants were approved at the board’s first quarter meeting last week. Following is a list of the organizations that were awarded grants, grouped by region:

Hartford County
- **Boys & Girls Club of New Britain, Inc.**, New Britain - $3,000  
  To support the Power Hour/Homework Club program
- **Catalysts Powering Educational Performance**, Middletown - $2,500  
  To support the CPEP Ventures Program in New Britain
- **United Way of West Central Connecticut**, Bristol - $2,500  
  To support Parent SEE programming in Plainville

Marketwide
- **Covenant to Care for Children, Inc.**, Bloomfield - $2,000  
  To support the Critical Goods Distribution Program
- **WorkPath Fund**, New Haven - $10,000  
  To support the WorkPath Fund

Middlesex County
- **Adelbrook**, Cromwell - $2,996  
  To support the Work Study Program
- **Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County**, Middletown - $5,000  
  To support the Summer Youth Employment Program
- **Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.**, Old Saybrook - $3,000  
  To support Meals on Wheels for senior citizens
- **Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc.**, Hartford - $3,000  
  To support the Financial Literacy, Workforce Readiness, and Entrepreneurship Programs at Middletown’s Macdonough, Moody, and Snow Schools
- **Middlesex Coalition for Children**, Middletown - $5,000  
  To support the continued work of the Coalition and the salary of a new Director
- **Middletown Pathways to Your Future Collaborative**, Middletown - $5,000  
  To support the college/career awareness program
- **Oddfellows Playhouse**, Middletown - $5,000  
  To support the Neighborhood Troupes and Arts Explorers programs
Greater New London

**Jewish Federation of Eastern CT**, New London - $4,000  
*To support the Case Management Social Services Manager*

**Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc.**, Mystic - $2,500  
*To support general operating expenses*

**S.T.E.P.S., Inc.**, Groton - $2,000  
*To support the Girls Empowerment Program*

**Safe Futures**, New London - $3,000  
*To support violence prevention programming for New London County middle and high school students*

**Writer's Block Ink**, New London - $2,500  
*To support the seasonal Showcase and Performance Programs for students at the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communications*

Norwich/Willimantic

**Martin House**, Norwich - $2,500  
*To purchase food for resident meals*

**Reach Out and Read, Inc.**, Boston - $2,500  
*To support early literacy programming in Mansfield and Windham*

**Thames River Community Service, Inc.**, Norwich - $3,500  
*To support the Child Development Programming for children who live at the Thames River Family Program facility*

**The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut**, Gales Ferry - $2,500  
*To purchase beds for low-income families referred by social service agencies*

**United Community & Family Services**, Norwich - $3,000  
*To support the Access to Care program*

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over $7.3 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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