LIBERTY BANK DONATES $44,500 TO AID HOMELESS PEOPLE

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 24 local agencies that provide emergency or transitional housing for homeless families and individuals. With the distribution of $44,500 from this year’s Giving Circle, the total donated under the program since its inception in 1994 rose to almost $500,000.

“This program makes a connection between people who are celebrating the purchase of a home, and people who are experiencing homelessness,” said Thomas J. Hylinski, executive vice president of Liberty Bank’s Retail Lending group. “Our mortgage customers can feel even better about their new homes, knowing that they’ve helped some neighbors who are going through difficult times in their lives.”

Giving Circle funds for 2015 were granted to the following nonprofit organizations:

**Hartford County:**
- Friendship Service Center, New Britain
- Prudence Crandall Center, New Britain
- Salvation Army Shelter, New Britain
- St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol

**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

**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
   Windham Regional No-Freeze Hospitality Center

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut’s oldest mutual bank, with more than $3.9 billion in assets and 48 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, Liberty offers consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Named as a “Top Workplace” by the Hartford Courant for three consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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