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LIBERTY BANK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR “YOUTH IN ACTION AWARD”

MIDDLETOWN, CT — Liberty Bank is seeking nominations from the public for its fourth annual **Youth In Action Awards**. The awards are designed to recognize young people in towns served by Liberty Bank who have distinguished themselves through volunteer service, philanthropy, and/or advocacy for community organizations.

Two Youth In Action Awards will be presented: one for a student in grades 6-8, and another for a student in grades 9-12. Nomination forms with program guidelines are available in all 48 Liberty Bank offices, and on the bank’s website at www.liberty-bank.com/your-community/liberty-foundation/news-and-events. To qualify, nominees must live or have performed their community service activities in Liberty Bank’s service area, which consists of Middlesex County, New London County, and the towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Cheshire, Glastonbury, Madison, Mansfield, Marlborough, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, Newington, North Haven, Plainville, Southington, Wallingford, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windham. Nominations for the award must be signed by a staff member of a school, a youth-oriented nonprofit organization, or a faith-based youth group in order to be considered (see the program guidelines online for details.)

Nominations will be reviewed by six regional committees of Liberty Bank employees, each of which will select a finalist for each age group. Members of the Liberty Bank Volunteer Hall of Fame will then select the two award winners from among the finalists, based on the length and depth of their community involvements, the impact of their activities on the community and the cause, and the leadership qualities demonstrated by the nominees. Each of the two award recipients will be able to direct a \$1,000 donation to the nonprofit organization or project of his/her choice. In addition, each finalist will direct a \$100 donation to his/her selected charity. All nominees will receive a Youth In Action Award t-shirt, a certificate of appreciation, and an invitation to the awards presentation in spring 2014, where all of their community service achievements will be celebrated.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut’s oldest mutual bank, with more than \$3.6 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. Rated outstanding by federal regulators on its community reinvestment efforts, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.