LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS $98,450 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

MIDDLETOWN, CT — The Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors has awarded $98,450 in grants to 23 nonprofit organizations serving Middlesex and New London Counties, New Britain, and Willimantic. The grants were approved at the board’s third quarter meeting in September. Following is a list of the organizations that were awarded grants, grouped by region:

**Hartford County - $18,000**

- Friendship Service Center of New Britain, Inc., New Britain - $5,000  
  To fund pre-development and consultant services to prepare a proposal for state funding for new units of supportive housing in New Britain

- Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, Hartford - $5,000  
  To fund the construction of five affordable homes in Bristol for low-income families

- Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc., Plainville - $3,000  
  To help provide bread items to 30 agencies in Plainville, New Britain, Bristol and Farmington

- Prudence Crandall Center, New Britain - $5,000  
  To prevent domestic violence through the Community Education and Prevention Program

**Marketwide - $10,000**

- Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Hartford - $5,000  
  To improve productivity and sustainability of affordable housing developers throughout Liberty Bank's footprint through capacity building services and investments

- The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., Storrs - $5,000  
  To support statewide training and administration for the People Empowering People (PEP) program

**Middlesex County - $19,000**

- Gilead Community Services, Inc., Middletown - $5,000  
  To support the Client Basic Needs Fund

- Middletown Even Start Family Literacy Program, Middletown - $4,000  
  To offset costs associated with the Family Lunch Program

- Northern Middlesex YMCA, Middletown - $5,000  
  To fund the KidzLit after-school program for grades K-2

- Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Essex - $5,000  
  To purchase food for pantries serving 11 shoreline towns
New Haven County – $25,000

Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund, Inc., New Haven - $ 3,000
To fund the Real Options in Overcoming Foreclosure program in the Greater New Haven area

Meriden Children First, Meriden - $ 7,500
To support the Meriden Family Zone Leadership project

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, New Haven - $ 5,000
To support revitalization efforts in the Newhallville neighborhood of New Haven

Solar Youth, New Haven - $ 3,000
To support the Youth Educator internship program, which trains low-income teenagers to provide hands-on environmental education to younger children

Southington-Cheshire Community YMCA, Cheshire - $ 2,500
To provide financial assistance to low-income families whose children can benefit from the Y's before- and after-school programs

Wallingford Family YMCA, Wallingford - $ 4,000
To fund the Upward Bound program

Greater New London – $9,500

New England Science and Sailing Foundation, Stonington - $ 3,000
To fund an experiential STEM education program for low-income, minority students in partnership with the Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London

New London Homeless Hospitality Center, New London - $ 5,000
To support general operating expenses of the shelter and daytime hospitality center

The New Life Program, Old Lyme - $ 1,500
To support an apartment for women released from York Correctional Institution and help them successfully re-integrate into their families and community

Norwich/Willimantic - $16,950

ACCESS Agency, Inc., Willimantic - $ 4,950
To fund three financial training workshops as part of the agency’s Housing Now! multi-family affordable housing program

Catholic Charities and Family Services, Norwich - $ 5,000
To support the Emergency Basic Needs and Case Management Program

Holy Family Home and Shelter, Willimantic - $ 4,000
To repair damaged ceilings and replace a carpet in the shelter

Our Piece of the Pie, Norwich - $ 3,000
To support Pathways to Success, a program that helps Norwich youth ages 14-24 to successfully transition between high school and college, vocational, or work opportunities

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over $7.6 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 three areas: education to promote economic success 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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