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LIBERTY BANK DONATES \$40,300 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 25 local agencies that provide housing for homeless families and individuals. With the distribution of \$40,300 from this year's Giving Circle, the total donated under the program since its inception in 1994 rose to over \$435,000.

"The Giving Circle was founded in the belief that everyone deserves a place to call home," said Thomas J. Hylinski, executive vice president of Liberty Bank's Retail Lending group. "As our mortgage customers celebrate the purchase of new homes, they can also enjoy knowing that they've helped someone else in their community to find shelter in a time of crisis." He noted that the Giving Circle program had been extended this year to include St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Bristol, where Liberty opened a branch in mid-2013.

Giving Circle funds for 2014 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, Bristol

Middlesex County:

- The Eddy Shelter, 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
- 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 Reach, Inc., 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

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Holy Family Home & Shelter
United Services Domestic Violence Shelter

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