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First County Bank Foundation Grants \$544,000 to 88 Nonprofits

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 7, 2015 – First County Bank Foundation recently hosted their Seventh Annual Celebration of Mutual Partnerships at The Landing in Stamford. First County Bank Foundation celebrated its recent grant awards to 88 local nonprofit groups, many of which were in attendance. These nonprofits received a total of \$544,000 in grants from the First County Bank Foundation to support their mission to provide needed services in local communities.



First County Bank Foundation’s Annual Celebration of Mutual Partnerships is held for nonprofit organizations to network and celebrate successes and share insights. This year’s featured speaker was Jon Simons, vice president, Donor by Design, who presented “Please Stop Asking for Money – Unique Ways to Approach Fund Development.” Simons addressed the fear, discomfort and apprehension often associated with fund raising.

Photo Caption: Jon Simons, vice president, Donor By Design, gives presentation about finding solutions to alleviate the fear and anxiety of fund raising.

“The Foundation is proud to support these worthy charitable organizations which provide essential services to improve the lives of people in the local

communities they serve,” said Rey Giallongo, president of First County Bank Foundation. “Much can be accomplished to positively impact our local community when businesses and individuals work together to support programs that ensure basic needs such as education and housing are met.”



Photo caption: **Jon Simons**, vice president, Donor By Design, **Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr.**, president First County Bank Foundation, **Karen Kelly**, vice president, First County Bank Foundation and **Robert Granata**, president and COO, First County Bank.

Since its inception in 2001, the First County Bank Foundation has awarded individual grants worth over \$7 million. The following local nonprofit organizations received First County Bank Foundation grants in 2015:

Organization Name	\$ Approved Grant	Program description
100 Black Men of Stamford, Inc.	\$2,500.00	2015 TMI Lego Robotics Program for the purchase of new Lego Mindstorm equipment and supplies
AmeriCares Free Clinics (See HomeFront)	\$5,000.00	The Bob Macauley AmeriCares Free Clinic of Norwalk. Provide free quality healthcare to low income, uninsured residents of Greater

		Norwalk.
ARI of Connecticut Inc.	\$7,500.00	Individualized Home Supports
At Home in Darien	\$2,500.00	Increase use of transportation services.
Boys and Girls Club of Stamford, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Summer Fun Camp - seven week program. 400 youth.
Carver Foundation of Norwalk	\$5,000.00	Youth Development Program - intensive college prep after-school support
Child Guidance Center of So. Connecticut	\$10,000.00	Emergency mobile psychiatric Services
Childcare Learning Centers	\$15,000.00	Teacher Education
Community Fund of Darien-United Way	\$2,500.00	General programs
Community Plates	\$5,000.00	Hunger relief - Direct transfer food rescue
Courage to Speak Foundation, The	\$5,000.00	To help fund the process of updating the teaching materials for the Courage to Speak drug prevention education program
Darien Fire Department	\$7,000.00	Thermal Imaging camera
Domestic Violence Crisis Center	\$5,000.00	Safe House and Housing Advocacy
DOMUS	\$10,000.00	Serves 132 middle school students attending their Trailblazers Academy before and after school as well as over the summer and other school breaks.
ElderHouse, Inc.	\$5,000.00	Adult Day Program
Fairfield County Hospice House Inc.	\$7,500.00	Ambassador Program. Educate the community about end of life choices and the benefits of hospice care is a hospice house.
Fairfield County's Community Foundation	\$3,000.00	Center for Non-Profit Excellence
Family & Children's Agency	\$15,000.00	FCA integrates services during Pregnancy and follow a vulnerable family until a child turns 8
Friends of Autistic People	\$3,500.00	Music based autism therapy program administrator
Future Five	\$2,500.00	General Operating Support
Getabout	\$5,000.00	General operations
Greenwich Alliance for Education	\$5,000.00	Going Places with Books

Hill House	\$5,000.00	Dining room furniture for additional residents. Mission is to provide a safe, warm and caring home to low-to-moderate seniors in our area.
Homefront (Connected to Americares)	\$3,500.00	Lower Fairfield County Housing Revitalization
Homes with Hope	\$10,000.00	The mission is to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the communities we serve by providing food, safe emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and the supportive services needed to achieve a more independent and self-sufficient life.
Horizons Student Enrichment Program at New Canaan Country School	\$5,000.00	6 week k-8 summer program
Housing Development Fund Inc.	\$12,500.00	First time homebuyer program
Human Services Council	\$10,000.00	Norwalk Mentor Program
Inspiricia Inc.	\$10,000.00	General Operations
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich	\$3,000.00	Supermarketing for Seniors
Jewish Senior Services	\$2,500.00	Center for Elder Abuse Prevention
JWV Community Scholarships Inc.	\$7,500.00	Scholarship Program -
Keystone House, Inc.	\$5,000.00	Supported Apartment Services "Home Sweet Home"
Kids Helping Kids	\$2,500.00	Expansion of Bridgeport and Norwalk
Kids in Crisis	\$10,000.00	Safe Haven for kids Shelter Program.
Laurel House	\$7,500.00	Phone System for Resource Center
Liberation Programs	\$5,000.00	Families in Recovery program
Malta House	\$2,500.00	Resident and Partnering Success programs. Provide a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to expand mothers.
Meals on Wheels of Greenwich	\$2,500.00	Provides approx. 30,000 meals per year to the homebound and elderly
Mill River	\$20,000.00	General operations
Neighbor to Neighbor	\$2,500.00	Supplemental food program
Neighbors Link Stamford	\$2,500.00	Expanding Economic Opportunities by Supporting CT Residents During the Drive only License Application Process
New Canaan Community Foundation	\$2,500.00	General programs

New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc.	\$2,500.00	Super Troopers - a therapeutic program serving children and adults with special needs
New Covenant House of Hospitality	\$7,500.00	Food Pantry
New Neighborhoods Inc.	\$12,500.00	Tenant Advocate Program
Norwalk Community College Foundation	\$5,000.00	ESL - Bridge to Credit Tutoring Program
Norwalk Hospital Foundation	\$10,000.00	Project LEAN
Norwalk Senior Center, Inc.	\$2,500.00	Meals on Wheels
Norwalk Summer Youth Employment Program	\$10,000.00	Summer youth Employment Program
Person to Person	\$7,500.00	Emergency assistance program
Positive Directions	\$5,000.00	Resilient Individual and Family Counseling Program (Children and Families)
Project Return	\$2,500.00	HEAL Program
Rebuilding Together Fairfield County Inc.	\$5,000.00	Deadline: APRIL 25. Rehab 3 - 5 homes
Regional Hospice and Home Care	\$5,000.00	General operations
Shelter for the Homeless	\$10,000.00	New phone system will address a much needed infrastructure upgrade to our communications system. Amount represents total cost of project.
Silvermine Arts Center	\$2,500.00	Art Partners Outreach Program
SilverSource	\$10,000.00	Ride to wellness- medical transportation for seniors
Soundwaters	\$10,000.00	Camp Scholarships
St. Joseph Parenting Center	\$5,000.00	28 Week Parenting Program - Spanish
Stamford Center for the Arts (The Palace)	\$5,000.00	Triple Threat Performer Intensive arts Education Program
Stamford Emergency Medical Services, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Stryker Power load
Stamford JCC	\$7,500.00	Hand in Hand Summer Camp Program. Social skills development. 3rd - 8h graders with a variety of challenges.
Stamford Public Education Foundation	\$3,000.00	\$3000 for continued support of our mentoring efforts in the Stamford Public Schools and an additional \$ 2500 towards the purchase of a new phone system.
STAR Inc.	\$2,500.00	Early intervention services fro infants' and toddler with developmental disabilities and support services. Birth to Three.

Starfish Connection	\$3,500.00	Youth Enrichment Program
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	\$5,000.00	Get into it! Free
Technology Solutions for Non Profits (under United Way of Western CT)	\$2,500.00	TS4NP Hosted Services Program
The Center for Sexual/Assault Crisis Counseling and Education	\$5,000.00	Strengthening Our Community Through Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling, Advocacy and Education (Children/ Families)
The Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern CT, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Crisis Parent Aide general operating fund
The Ferguson Library	\$10,000.00	Expand the technology, tools and training available to entrepreneurs in our community through the creation of a Maker Space in the Adult Services Department.
The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk	\$2,500.00	Education programming - 12,500 students during the year and takes place at the Aquarium, on the beach, in the woodlands or aboard our research vessel
The Open Door Shelter	\$7,500.00	Family and Children's services
The Salvation Army	\$5,000.00	Back to School Event Program (Back Packs and Supplies)
The Tiny Miracles Foundation	\$5,000.00	Financial Aid Program for Parents of Premies
The Workplace	\$2,000.00	Dress for Success - find and maintain employment
United Way	\$30,000.00	General programs
United Way of Coastal CT- Norwalk and Wilton	\$5,000.00	General operations
United Way of Coastal CT- Westport	\$2,500.00	General programs
United Way of Greenwich, CT	\$2,500.00	
United Way of Western CT- Stamford	\$15,000.00	General operations
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County	\$2,500.00	Community Health Programs - Presentations, workshops and health screenings
Waveny LifeCare Network	\$5,000.00	Upgrade lighting system - inside and out

Women's Mentoring Network	\$2,500.00	E to the 4th Power (Education, Employment, Economic Mobility, Empowerment) Program integrates work, education and family in order to facilitate the transfer of skills from one role to another and one generation to the next.
YMCA of Greenwich	\$2,500.00	Nutritious snack program to enhance development and education
YMCA of Stamford, Inc.	\$2,500.00	Summer Camp Learning and Enrichment
YWCA Darien/Norwalk	\$3,000.00	Job search support program
YWCA Greenwich	\$2,500.00	Domestic abuse services - Emergency shelter program
Total amount granted	\$544,000.00	

To be eligible for First County Bank Foundation grants, organizations must have nonprofit tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; be located in Stamford, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk or Westport; have community support; address community needs; have measurable outcomes; and demonstrate fiscal and administrative responsibility. Special consideration is given to those agencies or programs benefiting low to moderate income populations.

About First County Bank Foundation

Established in 2001 in honor of the Bank's 150th anniversary, First County Bank Foundation was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that support community and economic development for children and families. As a mutual bank without shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves.

About First County Bank

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 164 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services, mobile and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.4 billion. For additional information, please visit www.firstcountybank.com. Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow it on Twitter at

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