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First County Bank Foundation Grants \$24,500 to Darien Nonprofits

STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 28, 2015, 2015 – First County Bank Foundation is pleased to announce that it recently awarded five Darien-based nonprofit groups a total of \$24,500 in grants to support these organizations with their mission to provide needed services in local communities. Since its inception in 2001, the First County Bank Foundation has awarded individual grants worth over \$7 million.

“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 Karen Kelly, vice 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.”

. First County Bank Foundation granted **The Community Fund of Darien** \$2,500 for local programs, **At Home in Darien** \$2,500 to increase transportation services for seniors, **Darien Fire Department** \$7,000 for a thermal imaging camera, **Person to Person** \$7,500 for their Emergency Assistance Program to provide a safety net and emergency financial assistance to low income individuals. In addition, the Foundation granted **The Tiny Miracles Foundation** \$5,000 for financial aid to parents of premature babies.



First County Bank's **Mike Victor**, VP and Branch Manager, awards **Gina Blum**, Executive Director, At Home in Darien with a \$2,500 First County Bank Foundation grant check to increase their transportation.



Vic Pensiero, Chief, Dairen Fire Department, is awarded a \$7,000 grant check for a thermal imaging camera from First County Bank Foundation by **Jack Dowling**, AVP First County Bank and Lieutenant Engine 41, Darien Fire Department.



First County Bank's **Mark Rosenbloom**, AVP Cash Management of First County Bank, **Robin Black** and **Sela Esposito** both board members of Tiny Miracles Foundation, **George Colabella**, Executive Director of Tiny Miracles Foundation, with **Mike Victor**, VP and Branch Manager, present The Tiny Miracles Foundation with a \$5,000 First County Bank Foundation grant for their financial aid program to parents of premature infants.

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 <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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