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First County Bank Foundation Grants \$15,500 to Darien Nonprofits

STAMFORD, Conn., Oct. 27, 2014 – First County Bank Foundation is pleased to announce that it recently awarded four Darien-based nonprofit groups a total of \$15,500 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 \$6 million.

“Unfortunately there are so many people and families in this area who are in need. Businesses and individuals should partner to support our community so all members of society can have at least their basic requirements met,” said Karen Kelly, vice president of First County Bank Foundation. “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.”



Since 1979, the Job Search Support program has assisted over 2,200 women in lower Fairfield County, helping women develop the skills required in order to become gainfully employed. Proceeds from the First County Bank Foundation grant will benefit the YWCA and their community outreach programs. Front Row, Left to Right: Kate Foster, Job Search Support Coordinator, YWCA Darien/Norwalk, Deirdre McGovern, Board President, YWCA Darien/Norwalk Back Row: Heather Cavanagh, Executive Director, YWCA Darien/Norwalk, Jack Dowling, Assistant Vice President Business Development Officer, First County Bank Beth Chericco, Vice President of the Board, YWCA Darien/Norwalk

First County Bank Foundation granted **Person to Person** \$5,000 for their Emergency Assistance Program to provide a safety net and emergency financial assistance to low income individuals. In addition, the Foundation granted **The Community Fund of Darien** \$2,500 for local programs and \$5,000 to **The Tiny Miracles Foundation's** Tiny Treasures NICU Supply Program which supports over 400 preterm infants and their families. The **YWCA of Darien Norwalk** was awarded \$3,000 for their Job Search Support for Women program.

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 160 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 \$1.3 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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