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**First County Bank Foundation Grants \$108,000 to Norwalk Nonprofits**

**STAMFORD, Conn., Oct. 24, 2016** – [First County Bank Foundation](#) is pleased to announce it recently awarded 20 Norwalk-based nonprofit groups a total of \$108,000 in grants to support these organizations with their mission to provide needed services in local communities. First County Bank Foundation is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has awarded individual grants worth over \$7.5 million since its inception in 2001.

“First County Bank Foundation is celebrating its 15th Anniversary of supporting community-based charitable organizations which provide essential services to improve the lives of people in the local communities they serve,” said Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr., president of First County Bank Foundation. “It’s exciting to be part of an organization which works together with these charities to ensure basic needs are met.”

The following 20 Norwalk-based nonprofit organizations received First County Bank Foundation grants in 2016:

United Way of Coastal CT-Norwalk	\$5,000	For various community programs
Family & Children’s Agency	\$15,000	FCA integrates services during Pregnancy and follow a vulnerable family until a child turns 8 years old
Liberation Programs	\$5,000	Families in Recovery program

George Washington Carver Foundation of Norwalk	\$5,000	Youth Development Program - emphasis on K-12 after school activities to encourage on-time high school graduation and college readiness
ElderHouse, Inc.	\$5,000	Adult Day Program
Fairfield County's Community Foundation	\$3,000	Center for Non-Profit Excellence
Human Services Council	\$10,000	Norwalk Mentor Program
Keystone House, Inc.	\$5,000	Supported Apartment Services "Home Sweet Home"
Norwalk Senior Center, Inc.	\$2,500	Meals on Wheels
Norwalk Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program	\$5,000	Summer youth employment program
Norwalk Mayor's Student Engineering and Science Program	\$5,000	To support engineering and science learning in Norwalk schools
STAR Inc.	\$3,500	Early intervention services for infants and toddler with developmental disabilities and support services. Birth to Three.
Community Plates	\$5,000	Hunger relief - Direct transfer food rescue
Norwalk Community College Foundation	\$10,000	ESL - Bridge to Credit Tutoring Program
Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County	\$5,000	To improve the mental and behavioral health of children and teens through treatment, education, and community support
The Open Door Shelter	\$5,000	Family and Children's services
Courage to Speak Foundation, The	\$5,000	To help fund the process of updating the teaching materials for the Courage to Speak drug prevention education program
Norwalk Grassroots Tennis and Education	\$2,500	To teach a lifelong sport, sportsmanship and provide tutoring to student athletes
Norwalk Hospital Foundation	\$5,000	Project LEAN
Side By Side Charter School	\$1,500	Emphasizes diversity and active/equal involvement of parents, teachers, and students in our day-to-day operations



Photo Caption: First County Bank Foundation presents a \$5,000 grant to the Norwalk Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. Pictured are: **Maritza Alvarado**, **Norwalk Mayor Harry W. Rilling** and **Darlene Young** of the Norwalk Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program with **Karen M. Kelly**, VP First County Bank Foundation and SVP chief marketing officer, First County Bank, **Steve Ferguson**, AVP Business Banking, First County Bank and **Paige Sottosanti** a recent First County Bank summer intern.



First County Bank Foundation presents the George Washington Carver Foundation of Norwalk with a \$5,000 grant for the Youth Development Program. Pictured are **Steve Ferguson**, AVP, business development officer, First County Bank and **Wendy A. Macedo**, AVP, branch manager, First County Bank, join **Novelette Peterkin**, executive director, Carver Center, and **Joe Gallagher**, director of philanthropy, Carver Center, with Carver Center children.

### **About First County Bank Foundation**

Established in 2001 in honor of the Bank's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 165 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, wealth management, business banking services, mobile and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees, assets in excess of \$1.4 billion and is a 2016 Women's Choice Award winner. For additional information, please visit [www.firstcountybank.com](http://www.firstcountybank.com) . Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank>, view our boards on Pinterest at <http://www.pinterest.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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