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First County Bank Foundation Grants \$20,000 to Westport Nonprofits

STAMFORD, Conn., October 26, 2015 – First County Bank Foundation is pleased to announce that it recently awarded four Westport-based nonprofit groups a total of \$20,000 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 over 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 Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr., 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 **Homes with Hope** \$10,000 for their emergency shelter for homeless single mothers and their children. In addition, the Foundation granted \$5,000 to **Positive Directions** for its adolescent behavioral health treatment program, \$2,500 to **Project Return** for its HEAL Program (Health, Empathy, Love, Altruism) which provides adolescent girls and young women in crisis a nurturing environment to heal and grow and \$2,500 to **United Way of Westport**.



Wendy Bentivegna, (middle), Grant Director at Positive Directions, is presented with a \$5,000 First County Bank Foundation grant from **Jim Darling** (left), SVP Commercial Lending at First County Bank, and **AnnaMarie Buccuzzi** (right), Estate and Trust Officer at First County Bank.

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

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