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First County Bank Foundation Grants \$22,500 to New Canaan Nonprofits

STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 21, 2015 – First County Bank Foundation is pleased to announce that it recently awarded six New Canaan-based nonprofit groups a total of \$22,500 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 **Waveny Life Care Network** \$5,000 to upgrade their lighting system. In addition, the Foundation granted \$5,000 to **Getabout**, for their senior rides program, \$5,000 to **Horizons Student Enrichment Program at the New Canaan Country School**, for their summer program to improve social and interpersonal skills, \$2,500 to **The Community Fund of New Canaan** for their local programs, \$2,500 to **New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc.**, for their therapeutic riding and horsemanship program for people with special needs, and \$2,500 to **Silvermine Arts Center** for their Art Partners outreach program to under-resourced schools.



David Van Buskirk, AVP Business Development Officer, and **Aitza Cabrera**, AVP Branch Manager, both of First County Bank, present Kerry Y. Stevens, Executive Director, and Amy M. Stevens, Interim Director of Development, both of Horizons Student Enrichment Program at New Canaan Country School, with a \$5,000 First County Bank Foundation grant for their six week summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.



David Van Buskirk, AVP Business Development Officer, and **Aitza Cabrera**, AVP Branch Manager, both of First County Bank, present **Joanne Boyer**, Director of Development, and **William Piper**, CEO, both of Waveny LifeCare Network, with a \$5,000 First County Bank Foundation grant to upgrade their interior and exterior lighting systems.

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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