

First County grants \$22,500 to nonprofits

First County Bank Foundation recently awarded six New Canaan-based nonprofit groups a total of \$22,500 in grants. Since its inception in 2001, the First County Bank Foundation has awarded individual grants worth more than \$7 million.



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 its six-week summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Photo: Contributed / Contributed Photo

“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 granted Waveny Life Care Network \$5,000 to upgrade its lighting system; \$5,000 to Getabout for its senior rides program; \$5,000 to Horizons Student

Enrichment Program at the New Canaan Country School, for its summer program to improve social and interpersonal skills; \$2,500 to The Community Fund of New Canaan for local programs; \$2,500 to New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc., for its therapeutic riding and horsemanship program for people with special needs; and \$2,500 to Silvermine Arts Center for its Art Partners outreach program to under-resourced schools.

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 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.

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