

SilverSource Receives \$10,000 Grant from First County Bank Foundation To Support Ride To Wellness Medical Transportation

Ride to Wellness Program provides medical and dental appointment rides for older adults in Stamford

By Laura Roberts



SilverSource Inc. of Stamford, CT received a \$10,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation to fund its Ride to Wellness medical transportation program. The program provides round trip transportation to non-emergency medical and dental appointments for Stamford's older adults.

SilverSource Inc., a private nonprofit organization formerly known as Senior Services of Stamford, provides information, financial support, and other services that positively improve the quality of life for people over age 60. Additionally as a resource center, SilverSource is a referral source on aging and longevity issues, consulting with families throughout the nation.

Through their Ride to Wellness program, SilverSource removes the cost of transportation as a barrier to healthcare while providing safe, reliable transportation for older adults who are unable to drive, or take public transportation. The orange and silver branded SilverSource car is easily recognizable as it collects people at their doorstep and safely returns them home from their appointments.

“We are extremely thankful to the First County Bank Foundation for their generous contribution,” said Kathleen Bordelon, Executive Director of SilverSource. “This service is a game changer for those that don’t have access to safe, affordable and reliable medical transportation. This grant builds a stronger community by improving access to healthcare for our area’s older adults.”

According to Healthcare Finance News, missed appointments cost the U.S. healthcare system more than \$150 billion each year. Add in the facts that America is growing older and that one of the greatest challenges facing older adults is transportation, and the issue of rides to medical appointments becomes even more critical.

“First County Bank Foundation is proud to provide our continued support of this essential program,” said Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr., Chairman and CEO First County Bank and President of the First County Bank Foundation, “This service truly helps the entire community, as many families find themselves taking time off work to shuttle their older parents to medical appointments. SilverSource is an incredible resource that people can turn to for assistance and peace of mind when it comes to medical transportation and managing issues around aging.”

The Ride to Wellness program is available to older adults living in Stamford. Riders receive round-trip service to their medical appointments within Stamford. By simply calling to make a reservation, they have safe and dependable transportation each weekday between 9am-3pm. There is no charge for the service however contributions are encouraged to support the program. To learn more about this important program, visit www.SilverSource.org or call (203) 324-6584.

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 with no shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves.

About SilverSource, Inc.

SilverSource, formerly known as Senior Services of Stamford, was founded in 1908. It is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides information, financial support, and other services that positively improve the quality of life for people over age 60 while serving as a resource center and referral source for older adults and their families. SilverSource, Inc., is a

501(c) 3, is located at 2009 Summer Street in Stamford, CT 06905. For more information visit www.silversource.org or call 203.324.6584.

Image to accompany this release:

Caption: SilverSource Inc of Stamford, CT received a \$10,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation to fund its Ride to Wellness medical transportation program. Left to right: Karen M. Kelly, Vice President of the First County Bank Foundation, and chair of the SilverSource Board of Directors; Kathleen Bordelon, Executive Director of SilverSource and Mark D. Rosenbloom, Assistant Vice President and Manager of Cash Management Services of First County Bank. To learn more about this vital program, visit www.SilverSource.org for details.

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