

Norwalk nonprofits get boost from bank

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Hour Staff Report

First County Bank Foundation this week announced the release of \$37,500 in grants to Norwalk-based nonprofits devoted to helping children and families cope with unemployment, housing and child safety.

Organizations receiving grants are: Human Services Council, \$10,000; Norwalk Summer Youth Employment Program, \$10,000; Stepping Stones

Museum for Children, \$7,500; Norwalk Community College Foundation Inc., \$5,000; and NEON, \$5,000.

"All of us at First County Bank are proud to help support these important Norwalk organizations," First County Bank Foundation Vice President Katherine Harris said. "They provide an important service to the people of this community and help make it a better place to live and work."

Last week First County Bank announced \$44,620 in grants to Norwalk-based nonprofits, including:

Courage to Speak; The Norwalk Hospital Foundation; Family & Children's Agency; Norwalk Emergency Shelter (Open Door Shelter); Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County; and STAR Inc.

Established in 2001 in honor of the bank's 150th anniversary, the First County Bank Foundation was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that support community and economic development for children and families.