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### **LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION DONATES \$3,000 TO THE GOVERNOR'S PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

HARTFORD, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded a \$3,000 grant to the The Governor's Prevention Partnership supporting the Mentoring Program at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London.

“Without corporate support from partners like Liberty Bank, programs like the mentoring efforts at Bennie Dover Jackson would not be possible,” said Jill K. Spinetti, President and CEO of The Governor’s Prevention Partnership. “Liberty Bank’s involvement and financial support will help New London children have positive adult role models in their lives through mentoring relationships.”

The Bennie Dover Jackson mentoring program has been in existence for several years, supported by The Governor’s Prevention Partnership’s Connecticut Mentoring Partnership (CMP). With the Liberty Bank grant, The CMP will engage local corporate partners and recruit and train 20-30 mentors. Liberty Bank has supported the Bennie Dover Jackson mentoring program in past years, including similar funding in 2009.

“We’ve seen over and over again that having an adult friend and role model makes a positive difference in a child’s life,” said Clarence Bowen, Assistant Manager of Liberty Bank’s New London office, who presented the check. “The Governor’s Prevention Partnership provides vital support to build and sustain those mentoring relationships. We’re pleased to be able to fund their efforts again this year.”



Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has provided over \$5.7 million in grants to non-profit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people of low or moderate income by investing in the areas of preventive programming for children and families, affordable housing, and non-profit capacity building. In addition, the foundation is providing support to address basic human needs during these difficult economic times. Along with its grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of non-profits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

The Governor's Prevention Partnership, a not-for-profit partnership between state government and business leaders with a mission to keep Connecticut's youth safe, successful and drug-free today for a stronger workforce tomorrow, has four key initiatives: The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership which establishes and supports youth mentoring programs across the state; the Operation Respect, CT initiative which focuses on giving schools and communities the tools to create positive school climates and bully-free communities; the Connecticut Youth Wellness initiative focused on prevention of underage drinking, illicit drug and prescription drug abuse; and the Media Partnership which creates direct relationships with media to raise awareness of each initiative. The Partnership works in collaboration with local, regional and statewide providers and its efforts impact youth in every community in Connecticut.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest mutual bank, with \$3 billion in assets and 37 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, it offers consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Rated outstanding by federal regulators on its community reinvestment efforts, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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