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**FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION GRANTS \$28,000  
TO GREENWICH NONPROFITS**

**STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 16, 2013** – First County Bank Foundation recently distributed a total of \$28,000 in grants to five nonprofits in Greenwich for innovative programs promoting literacy, human services, emergency shelter, and counseling and nutrition for individuals and families in Greenwich. Of the \$28,000, \$2,500 was a CommunityFirst Grant, awarded to the YWCA for its Emergency Shelter Program. This grant, along with the others, supports the Foundation's commitment to nonprofit organizations that encourage community and economic development, or assist children and families of lower Fairfield County.

“We believe these causes play a vital role in learning and enriching our communities,” said Rey Giallongo, president of the First County Bank Foundation and chairman and CEO of First County Bank. “The First County Bank Foundation is proud to support these organizations that have demonstrated leadership, creativity and innovation in helping the people of Greenwich.”

Since its inception in 2001, the First County Bank Foundation has awarded over 760 individual grants, worth \$5.8 million.

The following Greenwich-based nonprofits received First County Bank Foundation grants:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Cause</b>
Greenwich Alliance for Education	\$5,000	Going Places with Books, a bilingual early literacy program targeting preschoolers delivered via its Storymobile RV
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich	\$3,000	Supermarketing for Seniors, a grocery shopping and case management program for elderly Greenwich residents who want to remain in their own homes but need help to shop
Kids in Crisis	\$15,000	Safe Haven for Kids Shelter program provides emergency residential shelter for children from birth to 17 years old
United Way	\$2,500	Grant money is being used for Greenwich-based programs.
YWCA	\$2,500	Emergency Shelter Program

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Established in 2001 in honor of the bank's 150<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

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.

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 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 and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.3 billion. For additional information, please visit <http://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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