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2020 Executive Management Report



# Strength, Resilience, and Hope for the Communities We Serve

In our last Executive Management Report, we discussed the inevitability of change in organizations, leadership, and communities. None of us, however, could have predicted the unprecedented changes we would face in 2020.

Over the past year, we've lived with and heard about many such changes and challenges. What we haven't heard as much about, though, is the strength and successes we realized as a community working together.

First County Bank was proud to do our part to support our customers and all members of the community in a variety of ways over the past year.

## Lending financial support when it's needed most.

The past year has been extraordinarily challenging for small businesses, which are so essential to the economic growth of our communities. To support them, First County Bank participated in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) made possible by the CARES Act. Through hard work and collaboration – from nearly every member of the Bank – we helped provide \$124 million in loans to 1,144 businesses, helping save some 11,000 jobs. Additionally, to support those who have

suffered job losses and other financial challenges, we offered loan deferrals that allowed individuals and businesses to pause loan payments as needed to manage.

## Delivering banking solutions and support – right to our customers.

The global pandemic accelerated the future of digital banking in ways that even we didn't expect. Through our ongoing investments in technology and efforts to personally reach out to many of our customers, we were able to safely and efficiently provide the services and support our customers needed to stay connected to their finances.

The pauses and stoppages during the pandemic also didn't keep individuals and families from pursuing their financial goals and First County Bank from helping support them. We were proud to continue to be the trusted bank that individuals and businesses can count on to help them safeguard their savings and manage day-to-day finances. We provided mortgages, refinances and home equity to help homeowners. And, through First County Advisors, we helped deliver wealth management services and support to help our customers manage retirement saving and other long-term goals.

## Increasing support to local communities.

First County Bank has always been committed to supporting our local communities, but in 2020 the need for our support was more pronounced than ever. To respond to new challenges, First County Bank and the First County Bank Charitable Foundation increased our contributions, as well as donated personal protective equipment (PPE), to local food pantries, shelters, and hospitals. We were also able to continue one of our most important giving traditions – providing grants and sponsorships to nonprofit organizations.

In 2020, we granted more than \$500,000, to help them carry out their most important missions of making life better for others.

Our strength and successes over the past year were all made possible by the individuals and businesses who continued to put their trust in us, and our valued employees, who adapted to unprecedented workplace and family-life challenges.

Together, we proved that First County Bank is where strength, resilience, and hope will always belong.

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Robert J. Granata

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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Willard M. Miley

President and Chief Operating Officer (COO)

## Honors and Awards





Watch our Top Workplace Interview

## **Stamford Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year**

Brad Lupinacci Vice President, Commercial Banking Officer



2020 Small Business Impact Award

Robert J. Granata

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



## Where flexible financing and trusted advice belong

Local businesses have always been the engines that power our economies. Yet with COVID-19 shutdowns and social distancing guidelines throughout 2020, many faced extraordinary challenges to manage payroll and keep their doors open. First County Bank was committed to providing loan solutions, deposit services, digital banking services, and professional guidance and resources to help business owners keep operations running and local people employed. Here are just some of the ways we were proud to take care of businesses for our communities:

**1,144** *Loans* 

\$124
Million
borrowed

**11,000** *Jobs*retained

"First County Bank has been instrumental in supporting our small business navigate the Paycheck Protection Program.

Having a local and responsive partner assist us during this time has been invaluable."

Abby K. and Lindsay H.
Co-Founders
The Everwell, Darien



"When services were down by 70% at the height of the pandemic we turned to First County Bank and got the assistance we needed."

Carol Landsman
Executive Director
Rehabilitation Associates. Inc.



## Helping local people realize their goals

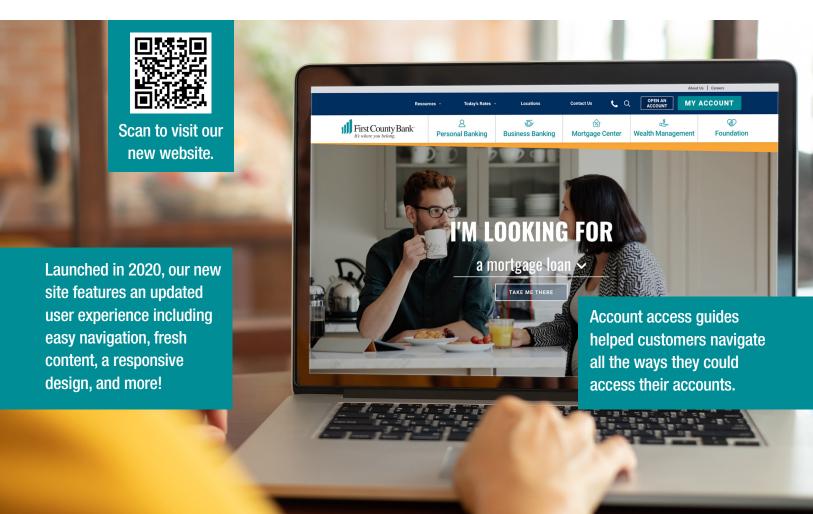
The global pandemic may have paused our daily routines and changed the way we work and live, but it did not stop local people from moving forward with their financial goals. First County Bank was proud to continue delivering a wealth of financial services – from savings solutions to mortgages to retirement planning – to continue to make dreams possible.

Additionally, to ensure our customers could safely stay connected to their money, we offered the convenience and safety of online and mobile banking, and personal guidance and tools to support our customers every step of the way.

\$161.3

Million
in loan originations

\$179
Million
checking deposits





## Helping navigate uncertain times

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many to come to terms with the uncertainty of what lies ahead. First County Advisors, the Wealth Management Division of First County Bank, continued to have thoughtful and strategic conversations with clients about planning for current and future needs.

First County Advisors prides themselves on keeping the long view as time and again, it has proven to be the most effective strategy for building and preserving long term wealth and financial independence.

\$481.5

Assets
under management

39 New accounts



## Richard E. Taber Citizenship Awards

Three students received a \$5,000 Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award scholarship: Hannah Bushell of Stamford, attended Stamford High School and will attend the University of Michigan, majoring in applied mathematics; Daniella Jones of Greenwich, attended Greenwich High School and will attend Pennsylvania State University, majoring in liberal arts; Bartlomiej Ruszczyk of Fairfield, attended Fairfield Preparatory High School and will attend College of the Holy Cross, majoring in economics and computer science.



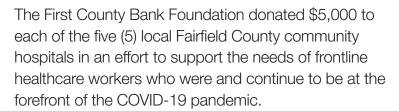




## Rising up to meet the needs of our communities

First County Bank has always understood that we can do more together. In 2020, we were proud to continue to work together with local non-profit organizations to improve the quality of life for others. Whether we were providing funding to help stock the shelves of food pantries, delivering excess surgical masks to area hospitals or scholarships to deserving local students, we remained dedicated to being a good neighbor.





To further commemorate the important work of hospital staff and in recognition of their commitment and dedication to the well-being of local residents, these frontline healthcare workers were also honored with the Foundation's annual Reyno A. Giallongo Community Legacy Award, named after First County Bank's retired chairman and CEO, who during his tenure exemplified the Bank's culture of giving back to the community.







## Financials

### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2020 (AUDITED)

(dollars in thousands)

#### **ASSETS**

1,382,614 13,005 80,795 <b>\$1,967,409</b>
1,382,614
14,436
1,397,050
242,846
705
\$ 247,444
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Deposits		
Demand (non-interest bearing)	\$ 394,739	
Interest Bearing	1,153,538	
Total Deposits	1,548,277	
Borrowings	217,228	
Repurchase Agreements	1,687	
Other Liabilities	39,022	
Surplus, Undivided Profits & Other Equity	161,195	
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,967,409	

### CAPITAL RATIOS & SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 31, 2020

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA	CURRENT CAPITAL POSITION	MINIMUM TO BE WELL-CAPITALIZED
Tier 1 Leverage Capital Ratio	8.85%	5.00%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio	15.62%	6.50%
Tier 1 Risked-based Capital Ratio	15.62%	8.00%
Total Risked-based Capital Ratio	16.87%	10.00%

## Leadership

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