

Liberation Programs Receives \$5,000 Grant from First County Bank Foundation

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Cary Ostrow, Liberation Programs' Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Macedo, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at First County Bank, Johnnie Malloy, Liberation Programs' Chief Development Officer, Steve Ferguson, Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer at First County Bank and Patti Juliana, PhD, Liberation Programs' Chief Program Officer

Norwalk, CT – Liberation Programs recently received a

\$5,000 grant from First County Bank Foundation to support the agency's Families in Recovery Program in Norwalk.

Families in Recovery (FIRP) is unique as it is the only long-term inpatient program serving pregnant and parenting women in Fairfield County and the only one in Connecticut that allows women to bring two children up to the age of 10 in treatment with them. FIRP helps mothers overcome their substance abuse problems and acquire the skills and resources they need to provide safe, nurturing homes for their children, helping to break what is often a multi-generational cycle of poverty and addiction.

Alan Mathis, Liberations' President and CEO said, "In the face of continuing budget cuts, the support we have from First County Bank Foundation is especially valuable and we are grateful for their partnership."

In addition to receiving help for their substance abuse problems, women work to connect to housing, prepare for employment and focus on improving their parenting and daily living skills in preparation for living independently once they leave the program.

The First County Bank Foundation contributes generously to non-profit organizations that support community and economic development; increase the availability of affordable housing and programs that support quality of life and educational enrichment for families and children.