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Dear Friends of Liberation Programs:

With your support we are able to provide the strongest most unified services in substance abuse treatment, outreach and prevention in Fairfield County. For that support, we thank you, as does each and every one of our clients. Please read on to see how we are getting the job done with your help!

Gini's House Opens

United Healthcare, Enterprise Community Investment, Dignitaries Celebrate

Seven years of hard work and determination have paid off with the opening of Gini's House in Norwalk in July.

"Gini's House provides a model program and safe housing for women and their children who need a helping hand," said Gov. Dannel Malloy, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. "I applaud the hard work, dedication and support of all those involved in building this important community development that will help so many women rebuild their lives after facing difficult struggles."

UnitedHealthcare, through a partnership with Enterprise Community Investment, Inc. invested \$5.4 million through the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits to help fund the project. Additional funding partners include the CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development, Liberation Programs, and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.



Richard Moccia, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, LPI President and CEO Alan Mathis, Gini's House resident Robin DePaiva with infant son Patrick, Governor Malloy and Bob Bantle cut the ribbon, officially opening Gini's House as LPI Board Member Femi Olowosoyo, New Neighborhoods' Ross Burkhardt, and United Healthcare's Stephen Farrell observe.

Community Support for Liberation Programs

First Congregational Church of Darien and First County Bank Foundation

Liberation Programs was selected by the **First Congregational Church of Darien** to receive proceeds from the preview party for the Church's 47th Annual Antiques Show which was held in March. The three-day event raises funds that support multiple causes chosen by the Church's Board of Outreach. Overall, the show netted more than \$30,000 which was distributed to area charities with \$12,000 raised during the preview party donated to Liberation Programs.

Representatives from First County Bank in Norwalk, Grażyna M. Landmesser, Vice President and Regional Manager and David Van Buskirk, Business Development Officer, recently presented a check to Liberation Programs from the **First County Bank Foundation** in support of the agency's Families In Recovery Program (FIRP). The program, which has been located in Stamford for 20 years, will soon move to its new location on the lower level of Gini's House. FIRP is a long-term in-patient residential treatment program that serves up to 50 pregnant or parenting women a year. FIRP also provides special services for children since mothers can bring two children up to the age of 10 into the program with them.



Pictured Left to right: John Bassler, LPI Board Member; Judith Sinche, Antique Show Co-Chair from First Congregational Church of Darien; Alan Mathis, LPI's President & CEO; Debra Hertz, PhD, LPI's Board Chair; and Molly Watkins, Antique Show Co-Chair from First Congregational Church of Darien.

Save These Dates

Liberation Programs Recovery Climb - November 1, 2014
Next Parent Seminar - October 15



Liberation Programs' first **Recovery Climb** to promote lifelong recovery, health and fitness will kick off Saturday afternoon, November 1. This exciting adventure race and skill challenge will take place at Chelsea Piers in Stamford. Teams will compete for awards in various activities that include a rock wall climb, elimination trampoline dodge ball, sack races and more. Anyone age 12 and up can do it! Watch for updates by e-Newsletter and check our website for details on

sponsorship opportunities, registration and volunteer opportunities.

"Internet Safety and Bullying" is the subject of the next Parent Seminar on Wednesday, October 15, 7pm at the YMCA of Greenwich.

To register, email: info@liberationprograms.org or call 203.604.1144



THANK YOU to Our Most Recent Supporters:

The Vince & Linda McMahon Family Foundation	\$500,000
Louis and Virginia Bantle Charitable Foundation	\$50,000
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People's United Bank	\$2,500
The Ruth W. Brown Foundation	\$2,500
First Congregational Church of Greenwich	\$2,000
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Stamford	\$2,000
Swindell's Charitable Foundation	\$2,000
WICC/WEBE Radio	\$2,000
Exchange Club of New Canaan Foundation	\$1,750
Westport Young Woman's League	\$1,000

Liberation House Refreshed

Liberation House Gets New Stairs and Fresh Paint

With funds from the **City of Stamford**, Liberation House now has a brand new staircase and the kitchen will soon have a new fire suppression hood for the range. Our thanks to the **Yerwood Center** for graciously providing sleeping quarters for Liberation House's clients plus staff while the stairs were completed.

As part of United Way's Days of Action, **GE Capital** volunteers painted Liberation House's "Family Room" and elevator landings, then returned a few weeks later to paint the backyard fence.

Do you know a group looking for a project? Send them our way.

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Liberation Programs' mission is to empower people and their families to be free of the disease of addiction by providing targeted solutions that restore lives and strengthen our community.

In FY14, Liberation Programs served 2,151 individuals.

316 Residential Clients
 1,837 Adult and Adolescent Outpatient Clients

LPI also reached out to another 4,850 youth and adults through 412 Education & Prevention presentations.

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