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**NEWLY FORMED NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BANK FOUNDATION
SEEKS FIRST GRANT APPLICATIONS**

A new charitable organization, Northwest Community Bank Foundation Inc., has been created to support non-profit organizations through grants. Funded and organized by Northwest Community Bank and its Divisions, Collinsville Bank and Litchfield Bancorp, the Foundation is a separate non-profit entity. The Foundation's aim is to extend the bank's contributions to non-profit agencies and organizations working to address the needs of the communities the bank serves.

Foundation President Stephen Reilly states that, "The Foundation is another way for the bank to meet our fundamental goal to serve the communities where we live and work. Beyond banking, our community involvement has been at the core of our banks' mission from the beginning. The Foundation is an expansion of what we have been doing for over 150 years – building up our local communities. We are excited to be able to offer more opportunities."

Mr. Reilly added, "We have so many amazing, hardworking non-profit agencies among us, making lives better. We invite them to express their needs and apply for funding to benefit the people in our community. We look forward to helping them achieve their goals and make a difference."

Guidelines and eligibility information is available on the banks' websites, from branch managers or by email at Foundation@nwcommunitybank.com. There are three cycles within a calendar year, with the first application forms available February 15, and completed applications due by April 1.

Northwest Community Bank is a mutually owned state-chartered bank, headquartered in Winsted, Connecticut since 1860. The bank has branches in Avon, Granby, New Hartford, Simsbury, Torrington, and an academic branch at Northwestern Regional High School in Winsted. Collinsville Bank – A Division of Northwest Community Bank has branches in Collinsville, Canton and Farmington; and Litchfield Bancorp – A Division of Northwest Community Bank has branches in Litchfield, Lakeville, Torrington, Watertown and Washington Depot.

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