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**UNION SAVINGS BANK DONATION BOLSTERS PARTNERSHIP'S "WARM HANDS
WARM HEARTS" DRIVE**

Thanks to the generosity of **Union Savings Bank** and area residents, the **Danbury Housing Partnership** will be able to bring a little warmth to needy area residents facing one of the most brutal winters in recent history. The regional bank has donated one thousand dollars to aid the Partnership's "**Warm Hands Warm Hearts**" initiative to provide warm winter clothing items to area families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Executive Vice President Marie T. O'Neil stated: "**As a mutual bank with a strong commitment to our community, Union Savings Bank is very happy to partner with the City and make this donation towards "Warm Hands Warm Hearts" and the distribution of warm hats, gloves and socks to those in need.**"

The initiative is the work of the Partnership's **Social and Supportive Services Committee**, chaired by volunteer **Denise Valeri**. The committee recently conducted a drive seeking donations of new winter hats, gloves, mittens, socks and other items. The donation from Union Savings Bank will be used to purchase additional winter items for distribution to individuals and families in the greater Danbury area. The items will be distributed to those in need on Valentines Day, February 14, 2011 at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House on Spring Street in Danbury.

"The donation from Union Savings Bank will allow us to greatly increase the number of people to whom we can provide badly needed winter clothing items," stated Valeri. **"We will also be able to boost the availability of items for children in families facing homelessness."**

Composed of representatives from the public, private and non-profit sectors, the Danbury Housing Partnership oversees efforts to encourage the development of affordable housing and to implement the region's **Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness**. The Social and Supportive Services Committee includes representatives with extensive experience in social service delivery and efforts to address homelessness. The committee is charged with encouraging efforts in the community to address recommendations in the **Ten-Year Plan** dealing with supportive housing and social services needs.

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For more information about the “**Warm Hands Warm Hearts**” program please contact **Denise Valeri, Chair of the Partnership’s Social and Supportive Services Committee** by phone at 203-313-3726 or by email at ldenisevaleri@aol.com.

For more information about the **Danbury Housing Partnership** please call **Chairman Mark J. Nolan** at 203-797-8255 or visit www.danburyhousingpartnership.org

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