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FAIRFIELD COUNTY BANK TO SPONSOR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Danbury Housing Partnership Chair Mark J. Nolan today announced that Ridgefield-based **Fairfield County Bank** has committed to becoming a major contributing sponsor of two key community housing events to be conducted in Danbury this fall. **Fairfield County Bank** will donate a total of one thousand five hundred dollars ((\$1500.00) towards sponsorship of the **Danbury Housing Partnership Breakfast** in October and **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** in December.

Mr. Nolan stated: **“We are thrilled that Fairfield County Bank will be supporting our two premier public events in the Danbury region that address the creation of affordable housing and efforts to end homelessness. By so doing, Fairfield Country Bank demonstrates its commitment to reinvest in the community and assist the work of our local partners.”**

The **Danbury Housing Partnership Community Breakfast** will take place on **October 7, 2010 from 7:30 to 9:00 am** at the Amber Room in Danbury. The purpose of the event is to encourage the creation of affordable housing opportunities in the region and to build community support for implementation of the **Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness**. The event features the presentation of the **Housing Partnership Awards** honoring individuals, groups and businesses for their work in providing housing opportunities and supportive services for area residents.

Last year’s event was attended by more than 260 persons. Proceeds of the event will be used to fund community efforts to address housing needs, including implementing the successful **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** event to be held **December 10, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3 pm** on the downtown campus of **Western Connecticut State University in Danbury**.

Danbury Project Homeless Connect is organized by the **Greater Danbury Continuum of Care** in collaboration with WestConn and the Danbury Housing Partnership. The event brings together more than fifty area housing agencies and service providers along with community volunteers to provide an array of assistance to persons who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Danbury joins with communities throughout the nation implementing Project Homeless Connect events as part of a nationwide effort to address homelessness coordinated by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Continuum of Care Co-Chair Milena Sangut commented: **“The financial support being provided by Fairfield County Bank will give a major boost to our efforts to help people at Project Homeless Connect this year. This will enable us to expand our efforts to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless as well as to connect people who are homeless with suitable housing.”**

At last year’s event more than two hundred persons received assistance that included medical screenings, housing assistance, fair housing counseling, credit counseling, legal assistance, food, clothing and a variety of social and supportive services. Additional support will enable the Continuum to expand the direct assistance provided at the event as well as to fund follow-up services for individuals identified through event screenings as needing additional assistance.

For More Information About the **Danbury Housing Partnership** and the **Danbury Housing Partnership Community Breakfast** please call Chair Mark J. Nolan at 203-797-8255 or visit www.danburyhousingpartnership.org

For more information about **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** please call **Greater Danbury Continuum of Care** Co-Chair Milena Sangut at 203-448-3224 or click on the attached link: <http://www.danburysroadhome.org/content/59/192.aspx>.

For more information about **Fairfield County Bank** please call 203-438-6518 or visit www.fairfieldcountybank.com.