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AMERICAN SAVINGS FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$570K IN GRANTS THAT SUPPORT THE NEW BRITAIN COMMUNITY

New Britain, Conn. – The American Savings Foundation board of directors recently announced twenty-four grants totaling \$572,500 supporting a variety of New Britain-area programs and services that help to improve the quality of life in the community.

Among the grants was an award of \$100,000 to Friendship Service Center for their newly established Hope Connection Center, located on 57/61 Arch Street in New Britain. In one convenient location, the Hope Connection Center will support individuals facing or experiencing homelessness by offering resources that meet both immediate and long-term needs.

At the Center, individuals will meet with case managers who will help identify the immediate need and the best course of action to stabilize their housing. Through partnerships established with local providers and non-profits, individuals will have access to mental and clinical health supports, connection to available shelter and housing options, transportation assistance, and education, job training or workforce development. Laundry, showers, and light refreshments will be offered to ensure all basic needs are met.

“The Foundation is proud to support the establishment of the Hope Connection Center. Through this central hub, the Center will address the interconnected issues that those experiencing homelessness face,” says Maria Falvo, president and CEO of American Savings Foundation. “By offering wrap around services and providing essential basic needs items, the Center helps to build an even stronger path towards economic stability for individuals seeking assistance.”

Caitlin Rose, Executive Director of the Friendship Service Center, Inc, says. “We are thrilled to receive this investment from the American Savings Foundation. We believe that this project will support not only people experiencing homelessness, but also invested community members that want to know that they have an option to offer people in need. The Hope Connection Center, with all of our leveraged stakeholder participation, is that option.”

The Foundation’s board also approved the following grants:

\$20,000 to CCARC to connect individuals with disabilities to independent employment through job training, internships, and job placement.

\$15,000 for the Center for Children's Advocacy for their Medical/Legal Partnership Program that supports parents, healthcare professionals, youth serving organizations, and others to improve health outcomes for low-income children.

\$10,000 to Connecticut After School Network for their statewide conference and workshops celebrating the field of afterschool.

\$10,000 to Connecticut Choral Artists (CONCORA) to support their six live choral concerts in 2023, including their main concert which will celebrate the legacy of composer Moses Hogan.

\$60,000 to Connecticut Foodshare to support the food delivery program in New Britain and surrounding town through 25 partner agency locations and five mobile sites.

\$16,000 to Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra to support their 2022-23 season performances of community concerts and operas.

\$30,000 to Coram Deo to provide case management in a transitional residential treatment program for women in recovery.

\$56,500 to Human Resources Agency for energy assistance, primarily supporting individuals and families in New Britain who do not qualify for government subsidies.

\$60,000 to Human Resources Agency to support the Food and Resource Center, which provides food and other services in New Britain's northwest region.

\$15,000 to Local Initiatives Support Corporation to support the New Britain Financial Opportunity Centers to help families work towards greater economic self-sufficiency.

\$15,000 to New Britain Symphony for their 2022-23 season performances including their Young People's Concert.

\$20,000 to New Britain Youth Museums for public educational programs for youth, families, and community groups at their downtown New Britain location and at Hungerford Nature Center.

\$20,000 to Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters for their mentoring program, which matches New Britain children and youth with one-to-one mentors.

\$20,000 to Pro Bono Partnership to provide free legal assistance and educational workshops for local nonprofits in the foundation's 64 town service area.

\$55,000 to Prudence Crandall Center for their emergency shelter and 24/7 crisis hotline for victims of domestic violence and their children.

\$10,000 to Reach Out and Read for their early literacy program, which trains medical providers to give reading advice and books to parents during well-child exams in New Britain.

\$10,000 to Senior Transportation Services that provides transportation for seniors to medical appointments.

\$30,000 to The Salvation Army for their Pathway of Hope Program in New Britain, which provides case management services to help families work towards greater economic self-sufficiency.

American Savings Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment which provides grants to local nonprofit organizations, and college scholarships to area students. Since its inception in 1995 the Foundation has contributed nearly \$68 million in total grants and scholarships in central Connecticut. For more information, call 860-827-2556 or visit the Foundation's website at www.asfdn.org.

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