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The Bulletin

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Foundation awards nearly \$82,000 Grants to help children in region

The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation awarded \$81,859 in grants Friday, March 25 to 22 local organizations that provide services to children from Eastern Connecticut. The announcement was made at the Chamber's office, 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford.

Since 2002, the Chamber Foundation has donated \$687,214 to numerous local organizations that serve the needs of children, specifically those groups that address the Foundation's goal of funding projects which enhance and enrich

education and economic opportunities in the Chamber's service area.

Foundation Chair Louis Ziegler said his group was able to distribute \$20,000 more than it did last year, thanks to the generosity of those who attended the Holiday Gala held in December at the Mohegan Sun and those who donated items for the auction.

"There are so many people to thank who volunteer their time each year for the children of eastern Connecticut in order to make this

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Chamber Foundation

Grant Recipients

Tommy Toy Fund, \$25,000

The grant is being given to buy toys and books for children for Christmas, 2011. Last Christmas, 5,200 children in the Danielson, New London and Norwich areas were served by the TTF, an amount that is expected to increase next Christmas. The Fund works with social service agencies in the region.

ARC of New London County, \$3,000

The grant is to provide funds for an in-home services program.

CareNet Pregnancy Center, Groton, \$2,500

The grant will support unplanned pregnancy; mother and child.

Children's Museum SECT, \$3,240

Funds to underwrite a program on autism.

Covenant Shelter, New London, \$5,000

Funds would cover mental health services.

CT Adoption Center, \$6,000

Funds to cover two no-cost adoptions.

Kente Cultural Center, \$1,000

Grant to help underwrite a middle school career exploration project.

Lyme Art Association, \$2,000

Grant would cover art scholarships.

MASH (Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality), \$2,105

Funds will be used to help pay the costs associated with 30 days of emergency shelter program and services for two homeless families with children.

Mitchell College, New London, \$2,000

The grant was requested for renovation of a community playscape.

New London Education Foundation, \$2,000

Student based learning activities.

Norwich Rotary Club, \$1,250

Funds to buy coats for children.

Norwich Safety Net Team, \$1,000

Grant requested for backpacks.

Read to Ride, \$1,000

Funds for a book/bike program.

Save the Kid Fund, \$2,500

Funds for special needs cycles.

Sensations Charitable Foundation, \$1,640

Money for an after school program for autistic children.

St. Vincent de Paul Place, \$3,000

Provides basic food needs.

Thames Valley Family Program, \$2,524

Funds requested for summer camp.

TVCCA, \$2,100

Request made to fund the purchase of winter boots.

United Way, Gemma E. Moran/Labor Food program, \$5,000

Funds requested to provide food for hungry children.

Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern Connecticut, \$5,000

Nurse and care from prenatal to age 2.

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut, \$3,000

Funds to provide a playscape.





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happen, and on behalf of the board I would like to do that," he said.

"I would like to offer a special thank you as well to all the non-profits who will be receiving the grants. The programs they have in place, and their commitment to the underprivileged children of eastern Connecticut is simply amazing."

The 22 organizations selected from a pool of 31 applicants work in a wide range of areas that are all designed to improve the lives of young people.

"We at the Chamber of Commerce feel it is important to carry out this vital mission. These groups provide important services. They range from the Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality, Mitchell College, Norwich Safety Net Team, and many others," said Tony Sheridan, Chamber president and CEO.

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