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PEOPLE'S UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$880,000 IN GRANTS TO NORTHEASTERN NONPROFITS

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The People's United Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of People's United Bank, announced today that it awarded \$883,000 during its third grant cycle of 2015 to nonprofit organizations throughout the communities it serves in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

One hundred forty-four organizations received funding in support of activities that ranged from basic needs services and affordable housing initiatives, to education, workforce development, and life skills training programs. The funding was distributed within the foundation's three areas of focus, with 42 percent allocated to community development, 37 percent to youth development, and 21 percent to affordable housing initiatives.

Recipients included Action for Bridgeport Community Development and Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance in Connecticut, DonorsChoose.org and Family Autism Center in New York, Operation Warm and Year Up in Massachusetts, Bennington Coalition for the Homeless and King Street in Vermont, Manchester Boys and Girls Club and Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, and Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake and Good Samaritan Agency in Maine.

"People's United Community Foundation is pleased to be working with such a broad range of nonprofit organizations that are fulfilling the needs in our communities," said Karen Galbo, Director of the foundation. "Individuals, families, businesses and communities are thriving due to their support, and the foundation is proud to play a role in their success."

For a detailed list of organizations that People's United Community Foundation supported in 2015, please visit www.pucf.org.

Established in 2007, People's United Community Foundation was formed to help support programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for citizens in the communities that People's United Bank serves. People's United Bank, founded in 1842 and serving customers from New York to Maine through a network of more than 400 branches, is the largest independent bank headquartered in New England. The Foundation places special emphasis on programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency, education and improved conditions for low-income families and neighborhoods. The funding priorities of the Foundation include community development, youth development, and affordable housing.

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