



Charter Oak proudly presents a donation to Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc. (Left to right: Laurie Cormier, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources and Marketing Officer; Kathryn Keller, Director of Development, Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc.; and Brian A. Orenstein, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union.)



Charter Oak representatives visit the New London Homeless Hospitality Center for a tour, and present a donation. (Left to right: Anthony Cronin, Assistant Vice President – Marketing, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union; Catherine Zall, Executive Director, New London Homeless Hospitality Center; and Barbara Gregg, Treasurer, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union.)

CHARTER OAK DONATES \$45,500 TO FOOD PANTRIES AND SHELTERS

Local Organizations Each Receive \$3,500 to Purchase Supplies

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Waterford, CT – January 20, 2017 – Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has donated \$45,500 to local food pantries and shelters.

“We would like to thank these groups for the meaningful work they do within the community. They work hard to fulfill the unmet needs of so many individuals and families,” said Brian A. Orenstein, Charter Oak’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are proud to make these donations and anticipate that these organizations will appreciate the financial boost in the New Year.”

Recipients of this donation include: Saint Mary’s Church Food Pantry (Jewett City); St. Vincent de Paul Place (Norwich); The New London Community Meal Center (New London); Friends of Assisi Food Pantry (Danielson); Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc. (Mystic); Covenant Soup Kitchen (Willimantic); New London Area Food Pantry (New London); Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. (East Lyme); New London Homeless Hospitality Center (New London); Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (Pawcatuck); Montville Food Bank (Montville); Norwich Community Meal Center (Norwich); and Interfaith Human Services (Putnam).

The credit union awarded each organization \$3,500 to purchase much needed supplies for those in eastern Connecticut. All donations were unsolicited.

Charter Oak awarded more than \$400,000 to students and community organizations in 2016. Among the recipients were numerous non-profits who used the funding for educational and arts enrichment programs, employment services, and human and social service programs. Also included in that cumulative total were 45 college scholarship award recipients who each received \$2,000.

In addition to offering monetary support, Charter Oak offers free meeting space to community organizations at its headquarters in Waterford and at its Mystic branch.

Charter Oak will continue in 2017 to offer financial assistance to local community organizations via its Community Giving Grants Program, as well as its Community Sponsorship Program. To learn more about Charter Oak’s Community Giving Program, visit CharterOak.org.

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