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GSB announces \$20,000 in donations to North Haven community non-profits

NORTH HAVEN — Just weeks after opening its [first branch office in North Haven](#), GSB has awarded a total of \$20,000 in donations to North Haven-area non-profit organizations. These donations are just one way GSB is positioning itself as a community bank — and a community partner.

“Fostering community partnerships has always been a core value at GSB,” said GSB Marketing Manager Kristen Conlon. “We consider ourselves as more than a community bank, but also as members of the communities we serve. We are pleased to be partnering with these organizations, who work tirelessly each day to help make this region a better place to live and work.”

The nine non-profits receiving donations address a wide range of community needs including youth activities, veteran housing, food insecurity, homelessness, intellectual disabilities, development disorders, animal adoption, and family support.

“As newcomers, we have felt extremely welcomed by the North Haven community. I am thrilled at the steps GSB has taken to show our appreciation and commitment to our new neighbors,” said North Haven Branch Manager Renee Miller.

The donations and amounts were awarded as follows:

- [Columbus House, Inc.](#)
\$3,000
- [Connecticut Food Bank](#)
\$2,500
- [Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club](#)
\$2,500
- [House of Heroes Connecticut](#)
\$2,000
- [ARC of Greater New Haven, Inc.](#)
\$2,000
- [The Diaper Bank of Connecticut](#)
\$2,000
- [Benhaven, Inc.](#)
\$1,500
- [North Haven Rotary](#)
\$1,500
- [The Animal Haven Inc.](#)
\$1,000

Note: An additional \$2,000 has been earmarked to support affordable housing.

For more information on these non-profit organizations and media contacts for each, please see below.

ABOUT GSB: *GSB has been serving the financial needs of individuals, families, and businesses in Connecticut for over 145 years. Founded in 1875 by local business owners, it has proudly stood as a trusted institution in the communities it serves. Starting with a seventeen-thousand-dollar investment and one branch on the picturesque Guilford town green, GSB has grown to a seven-office, \$920 million bank, offering digital and virtual banking services to customers throughout the state of Connecticut.*

ABOUT THE DONATION RECIPIENTS:

Columbus House, Inc. (New Haven)

Columbus House serves people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by providing shelter and housing and by fostering their personal growth and independence.

Website: <https://www.columbushouse.org/>

Media Inquiries

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Connecticut Food Bank (Wallingford)

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is a member of Feeding America's nationwide network of food banks. We partner with food retailers, growers, financial donors, and volunteers to source food and distribute it through a network of 500 food access points.

Website: <https://www.ctfoodbank.org/>

Media Inquiries

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House of Heroes Connecticut (Hamden)

House of Heroes Connecticut recognizes, honors and serves military and public safety veterans and/or their surviving spouses for their sacrificial service to America by providing one-day, no-cost home improvements with a priority placed on safety and accessibility. Since 2012, the organization has provided no-cost home repairs to 140 military and public safety veterans or their surviving spouses.

Website: <https://www.hohct.org>

Media Inquiries

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ARC of Greater New Haven, Inc. (North Haven)

The ARC provides quality services to meet selected needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities in the greater New Haven region. Since 1952, The ARC has provided quality services to meet selected needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities in the greater New Haven region.

Website: <https://www.arcgnh.org/>

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The Diaper Bank of Connecticut (North Haven)

Founded in 2004, The Diaper Bank of Connecticut centralizes the fundraising and distribution of free infant and toddler diapers, youth incontinence supplies, period products, and senior incontinence supplies to low-income families in Connecticut through existing service providers, including local food pantries, soup kitchens, daycare centers, social service agencies and shelters.

Website: <https://www.thediaperbank.org/>

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Benhaven, Inc. (North Haven)

Benhaven's mission is to enable people with autism and pervasive developmental disorders to participate in community life, exercise productive control over their own lives, have meaningful relationships and associations, be gainfully employed, and experience happiness and personal satisfaction.

Website: <https://www.benhaven.org>

Media Inquiries

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Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club (North Haven/Wallingford)

The Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. A safe, affordable place for kids after school.

Website: <https://www.ulbrichbgc.org/>

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North Haven Rotary (North Haven)

Rotary is a network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in its communities, and in its membership. Every year, North Haven Rotary gives back to the community through the funds that our club raised throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.nhrotary.org/>

Media Inquiries

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Animal Haven (North Haven)

The Animal Haven is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission since 1948 is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs and to subsequently place these animals in quality, adoptive and permanent homes.

Website: www.theanimalhavenct.org

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