

"Thank You Dime Foundation"

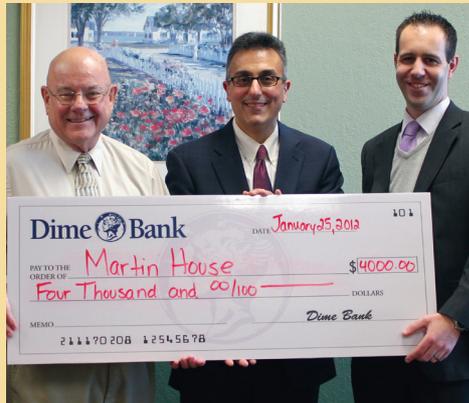
"On behalf of the families we serve, we thank Dime Bank Foundation for the support they have provided to MASH over the years to afford safe and secure temporary shelter for homeless children and parents."

—Lisa Tepper Bates, Executive Director, MASH



"We are tremendously grateful for the significant support Dime Bank Foundation has provided to our residents over the years. This support has helped to create enormous positive changes for Martin House residents."

—Thomas Hyland, Executive Director, Martin House



"Work Vessels For Veterans is extremely grateful for the generous Dime Bank grant. Since its inception in 2008, WVFV has given a 'hand up' to 700+ returning veterans by donating the 'vessels' required for these military veterans to start their own businesses. We are proud to support these great Americans across the country, but especially here in Connecticut, the headquarters of both WVFV and Dime Bank."

—John Neikrash, Chairman, WVFV



"WARM is very grateful to Dime Bank for its generous donation which allowed us to purchase new refrigerator equipment for our new kitchen." (Pictured on cover)

—Russ Patridge, Executive Director, WARM Center

DIME BANK FOUNDATION

Supporting the Communities We Serve

Dime is proud to support WARM's (Westerly Area Rest Meals, Inc.) new center with funding for a new walk-in freezer. WARM's mission is to provide each guest with a warm meal, a warm bed, and a warm welcome.



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Commitment to Community

OUR FOUNDATION: A history of giving



In 1998, Dime Bank established the Dime Bank Foundation, firmly defining our commitment to the communities we serve. Through year-round distributions, the Foundation provides necessary funding to charitable, cultural, literary, scientific and educational non-profit organizations. In that first year, the Dime Bank Foundation distributed more than \$50 thousand to many worthwhile organizations.

In recent years, with an economic climate that has simultaneously increased needs while decreasing resources, the Dime Bank Foundation has maintained support for regional non-profit organizations. Through consistent reinvestment and prudent management, the endowment of the Dime Bank Foundation has grown to \$3.2 million, and our initial \$50 thousand in distributions now tops \$1.4 million in much-needed support.

WHY WE CARE

We care, because we're a community bank - it's that simple. Since the day we opened our doors, Dime Bank has had a proud tradition of serving our customers and giving back to the communities we call home. In these challenging days, the mutual relationship between a local bank and the local people is more important than ever. We are a resource that extends well beyond checking accounts and loans. Through our Foundation, philanthropy and people, we do all we can to care for our customers, our friends and, our neighbors.

"Since our meager beginning in 1999 when we stretched out to only a small number of veterans, we have given direct financial aid to literally hundreds of veterans. The support we have received from Dime Bank Foundation allows us the privilege to help so many veterans in need."

—Dan Martin, Vice-Chairman of A Reason To Ride
(Pictured to the right)

OUR MISSION

The Foundation's focus is on programs and activities that provide, strengthen or enhance services to members of our communities that are most at-risk or under-served. Funding priorities include:

- Affordable housing
- Basic human services for those considered most at-risk; with emphasis on children, families and/or the elderly at low-income levels
- Development/education, job training or promotion of literacy, with a focus on preventative programs that encourage self-sufficiency
- Cultural enrichment programs, especially among disadvantaged populations

HOW TO APPLY

If you are part of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in New London County, CT or the Westerly, RI area and would like to seek support from the Dime Bank Foundation, you are encouraged to complete a grant application to see if you qualify.

The Foundation accepts grant applications on a year-round basis and the Board of Directors reviews requests three times per year. The grant application can be downloaded from our website or obtained directly through Dime Bank.

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