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WEBSTER BANK TO SPONSOR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Danbury Housing Partnership Chair Mark J. Nolan today announced that **Webster Bank** has agreed to become a major contributing sponsor of two key community housing events to be conducted in Danbury this fall. **Webster Bank** will donate a total of one thousand five hundred dollars ((\$1500.00) towards sponsorship of the **Danbury Housing Partnership Breakfast** in October and **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** in December. **Webster Bank** is headquartered in Waterbury, CT and has more than 180 branches located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

Mr. Nolan stated: “**We are excited to have Webster Bank supporting the efforts of our community partners to encourage the creation of affordable housing opportunities in the Danbury region. Housing is key to the region’s economic vitality and it is gratifying to have Webster Bank reinvest in the community at a time when financial difficulties have affected many households who never expected to be faced with the possible loss of their home.**”

The **Danbury Housing Partnership Community Breakfast** will take place on **October 7, 2010 from 7:30 to 9:00 am** at the Amber Room in Danbury. The purpose of the event is to encourage the creation of affordable housing opportunities in the region and to build community support for implementation of comprehensive strategies to address the housing needs of individuals, families and seniors in the region. The event features the presentation of the **Housing Partnership Awards** honoring individuals, groups and businesses for their work in providing housing opportunities and supportive services for area residents.

Last year’s event was attended by more than 260 persons. Proceeds of the event will be used to fund community efforts to address housing needs, including implementing the successful **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** event to be held **December 10, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** on the downtown campus of **Western Connecticut State University in Danbury**.

Danbury Project Homeless Connect is organized by the **Greater Danbury Continuum of Care** in collaboration with WestConn and the Danbury Housing Partnership. A key element of the regional **Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness**, the event brings together more than fifty area housing agencies and service providers along with community volunteers to provide one-stop delivery of an array of

assistance to persons who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. In sponsoring the event, Danbury joins with communities throughout the country who are conducting Project Homeless Connect events as part of a nation-wide effort to address homelessness coordinated by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Continuum of Care Co-Chair Milena Sangut commented: **“The funding being provided by Webster Bank will enable us to expand the assistance we can provide at Project Homeless Connect this year. We will be better positioned to meet the increasing need for services to assist young people, Veterans, seniors and families who are experiencing homelessness or in danger of losing their housing in these difficult economic times.”**

At last year’s event more than two hundred persons received assistance that included medical screenings, housing assistance, fair housing counseling, credit counseling, legal assistance, food, clothing and a variety of social and supportive services. Additional support will enable the Continuum not only to expand the direct assistance provided at the event but also to fund follow-up services for individuals identified through event screenings as needing additional assistance.

For More Information About the **Danbury Housing Partnership** and the **Danbury Housing Partnership Community Breakfast** please call Chair Mark J. Nolan at 203-797-8255 or visit www.danburyhousingpartnership.org

For more information about **Danbury Project Homeless Connect** please call **Greater Danbury Continuum of Care** Co-Chair Milena Sangut at 203-448-3224 or click on the attached link: <http://www.danburysroadhome.org/content/59/192.aspx>.

For more information about **Webster Bank** please visit www.websterbank.com.