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CITIZENS BANK AWARDS \$10,000 TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW HAVEN

CHECK PRESENTATION TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVES IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, CT — **Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS)**, positioning neighborhoods to succeed for the past 36 years, received a \$10,000 Award as part of **Citizens Bank's** *Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money* program. As a partner with Citizens Bank, NHS of New Haven increases its ability to offer financial literacy workshops for all New Haven residents.

The award was presented by **Bruce Van Saun**, CEO of Citizens Financial Group to NHS Executive Director, **Jim Paley**, in front of NHS' campus on 333 Sherman Avenue in New Haven, CT. Van Saun was joined by **Lisa Maas**, President of Citizens Bank, for a roundtable discussion with NHS staff and a tour of NHS' facilities, including the LEED Platinum Certified Home Improvement and Energy Conservation Lab where most of the financial literacy classes are taught.

"We are thrilled to receive this award from Citizens Bank," said **Bridgette Russell**, Managing Director of NHS' HomeOwnership Center. "This support will help the homebuyers who participate in our program become more informed and ultimately realize their dream of homeownership."

"Citizens Bank's funding of Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven's financial literacy workshops clearly demonstrates the bank's strong commitment to giving homeowners the confidence and education they need to become fiscally healthy," said NHS Executive Director **James Paley**. "We are proud to acknowledge this award, which is a strong reaffirmation of the bank's support for our work in New Haven."

"We are helping our consumers bank better by improving their financial literacy. Learning how to manage money is the first step individuals can take in achieving their financial goals," said **Lisa Maass**, President of Citizens Bank in Connecticut. "With *Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money*, we have the resources to give our fellow citizens the confidence and tools they need to budget, save, invest and be fiscally healthy."

About Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven was incorporated in 1979 with a mission to revitalize selected neighborhoods in New Haven. Over time, our mission has evolved to focus on positioning New Haven's neighborhoods to succeed by increasing homeownership; making homes beautiful, energy-efficient, and affordable; and helping residents take charge of their neighborhoods. We believe that increased homeownership, educated homebuyers, and rehabilitated houses will produce stable, revitalized neighborhoods that our clients will be proud to call home. During the course of our 36-year history, NHS has fully renovated and sold more than 270 houses to low- and moderate-income families. www.nhsofnewhaven.org



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