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**ESSEX SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCES 2018 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM  
BALLOTING RESULTS**

**April 11, 2018 - Essex, Connecticut** - Results from Essex Savings Bank's customers recent voting efforts in the Bank's Community Investment Program were announced today at a meeting of the "Top Ten" recipients, employees, directors and trustees at the Bank's Plains Road Office. According to Gregory R. Shook, President & CEO of Essex Savings Bank, 6,274 votes were cast this year for a total of \$39,605.

The customer balloting portion of Essex Savings Bank's 2018 Community Investment Program began on February 1 and concluded on February 28. The program entitles the Bank's customers to select up to three charities from this year's list of 72 qualified non-profit organizations with the top ten recipients recognized at the annual reception. Fund allocations are awarded based on the results of these votes. For twenty three years, the Bank has annually committed up to 10% of its after tax net income to qualifying organizations with \$132,000 committed to this year's program. By year end, the program will have contributed \$4.36 million in donations to over 200 organizations.

Since the ballot's inception in 1996, the Bank has donated over \$500,000 to the top ten organizations. During that time, the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP) has continuously ranked first, claiming nearly \$114,000 in funds. Ellen Rabin, the new director of SSKP, remarked "I am grateful for the tremendous support of the shoreline community for the mission of SSKP. The food and fellowship provided through both the groceries distributed at food pantries and the hot homemade food served at meal sites relieve hunger and demonstrate that we all care about our neighbors. Essex Savings Bank is a generous partner supporting the communities on the Connecticut Shoreline and boosting the quality of life for all of us. Thank you Essex Savings Bank and everyone who endorsed our mission with their vote."

Mr. Shook concluded by stating, "We are proud to be able to provide our customers with the opportunity to support the community's non-profit organizations that matter most to them."

Essex Savings Bank is a FDIC insured, state chartered, mutual savings bank established in 1851. The Bank serves the Connecticut River Valley and shoreline with six offices in Essex (2), Chester, Madison, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook providing a full complement of personal and business banking. Financial, estate, insurance and retirement planning are offered throughout the state by the Bank's Trust Department and wholly-owned subsidiary, Essex Financial Services, Inc., Member FINRA, SIPC.

**RESULTS OF ESSEX SAVINGS BANK CUSTOMER BALLOTING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2018**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2018 Amount</b>
The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.	587	\$3,705
Valley Shore Animal Welfare League	296	\$1,868
Forgotten Felines, Inc.	269	\$1,698
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	233	\$1,471
Bikes for Kids, Inc	226	\$1,426
Tait's Every Animal Matters (TEAM)	220	\$1,389
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. - Meals on Wheels	186	\$1,174
Old Saybrook Fire Company Number One, Inc.	176	\$1,111
Valley Shore YMCA	150	\$947
Camp Hazen YMCA	137	\$865
Essex Fire Engine Company No. 1	137	\$865
Friends of the Essex Library	133	\$839
Essex Ambulance Association, Inc.	128	\$808
Essex Land Trust, Inc.	124	\$783
Lyme Ambulance Association Inc.	118	\$745
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.	117	\$738
Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. (VNLV)	113	\$713
Connecticut Cancer Foundation, Inc.	109	\$688
The Lyme Fire Company, Inc.	107	\$675
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau	107	\$675
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, Inc.	102	\$644
Deep River Fire Department, Inc.	96	\$606
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, CT, Inc.	96	\$606
Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association	96	\$606
SARAH, Inc.	77	\$486
Friends of Hammonasset, Inc.	70	\$442
Community Music School	68	\$429
Chester Historical Society	66	\$417
Common Good Gardens, Inc.	66	\$417
Essex Historical Society, Inc.	66	\$417
Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.	66	\$417
Simply Sharing, Inc.	66	\$417
Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau, Inc.	66	\$417
Madison Ambulance Association, Inc.	64	\$404
Deep River Ambulance Association, Inc.	63	\$398
Homeward Bound Adoptions CT, Inc.	63	\$398
Region 4 Education Foundation, Inc. (R4EF)	58	\$366
Deep River Historical Society, Inc.	56	\$353
Essex Elderly and Affordable Housing, Inc.	54	\$341
Friends In Service Here (F.I.S.H.)	54	\$341

Friends of the Lymes' Senior Center, Inc.	52	\$328
The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center (The Kate)	52	\$328
Chester Elementary School-Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	51	\$322
Westbrook Youth and Family Services, Inc.	48	\$303
CDE (Chester, Deep River, Essex) Cooperative Nursery School	47	\$297
Old Saybrook Historical Society	47	\$297
Essex Community Fund, Inc.	45	\$284
Chester Land Trust	44	\$278
The Connecticut River Museum at Steamboat Dock	43	\$271
Hope Partnership Inc.	43	\$271
Lyme Art Association, Inc.	42	\$265
Westbrook Project Graduation, Inc.	42	\$265
Camp Claire	40	\$252
Lymes' Elderly Housing, Inc. (Lymewood)	40	\$252
Ruth Ann Heller Music Foundation, Inc.	39	\$246
Community Co-Op Nursery School of Old Saybrook	38	\$240
Essex Elementary School Foundation, Inc.	38	\$240
Con Brio Choral Society, Inc.	37	\$234
The Country School, Inc	37	\$234
Pay Forward, Inc.	37	\$234
E.C. Scranton Memorial Library - Madison	35	\$221
Essex Winter Series	35	\$221
Lyme Public Hall Association, Inc.	35	\$221
Maritime Education Network, Inc.	34	\$215
Waggle, Inc.	34	\$215
Friends of the Deep River Public Library, Inc.	33	\$208
Deep River Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps, Inc.	32	\$202
Deep River Land Trust, Inc.	30	\$189
Vibe Show Choir Supporters, Inc.	21	\$133
Act II Thrift Shop, Inc.	18	\$114
Musical Masterworks, Inc.	12	\$76
Madison Lyric Stage, Inc.	7	\$44

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