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### **SilverSource Receives \$10,000 Grant From First County Bank Foundation**

#### **Supporting Ride To Wellness Medical Transportation Program For Older Adults**

STAMFORD, Conn. (July 3, 2017) On Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> SilverSource received a \$10,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation to support the organization's **Ride To Wellness Medical Transportation Program**. The Foundation has supported the program since 2008, contributing a total of \$100,000.

The **SilverSource Ride to Wellness** program provides Stamford's adults age 60 and up with door-to-door round trip transportation to non-emergency medical and dental appointments, all for a suggested \$5 donation. The program removes the cost of transportation as a barrier to healthcare, and allows riders to save money for essentials like rent, groceries and prescriptions.

"A lot of people really appreciate it because it's so affordable," said Brian Brinkley who drives the SilverSource van. In the past year, the organization has provided 1986 rides to 123 individuals, saving the average rider \$570 in taxi fares.

"We are deeply grateful for the sustaining support the First County Bank Foundation provides to this program," said SilverSource Executive Director Kathleen Bordelon. "Thanks to this grant, Stamford's older adults will continue to have a safe and deeply affordable option for getting to and from their doctor and dentist visits."

With 10,000 people turning 65 each day, the transportation challenges presented by the aging of our largest demographic cohort requires solutions. SilverSource – a leader in advocating for the needs of older adults and their families – knows that many doctor appointments are missed because of issues with transportation.

Camilo Duque, Assistant Vice President Branch Manager for First County Bank, knows all about SilverSource and the important work they do. "I salute SilverSource and all the nonprofits we support, they really care about the community," said Duque. SilverSource is a perfect match with the First County Bank Foundation because we're all about making a difference in people's lives, and this program helps seniors who can't afford a car or are unable to drive. Together we're making life easier for them."

Since 2001, the First County Bank Foundation has awarded over 1,000 individual grants, worth over \$8.2 million. The Foundation awarded over 140 grants totaling almost \$600,000 in 2016.

The SilverSource Ride to Wellness program operates Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. To learn more or to make a reservation, visit [www.SilverSource.org](http://www.SilverSource.org) or call [203-324-6584](tel:203-324-6584).

## **About First County Bank Foundation**

Established in 2001 in honor of the bank's 150th anniversary, [First County Bank Foundation](https://www.firstcountybank.com/first-county-bank-foundation-inc) was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that support community and economic development for children and families. As a mutual bank with no shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves. For more information about the First County Bank Foundation, visit <https://www.firstcountybank.com/first-county-bank-foundation-inc>.

## **About SilverSource, Inc.**

SilverSource, formerly known as Senior Services of Stamford, was founded in 1908. It is an independent, nonprofit foundation that advocates for older adults and provides case management, emergency financial assistance and other services to positively improve the quality of life for people over age 60. In addition, SilverSource is an information resource center and referral source for older adults and their families. SilverSource, Inc., is a 501(c) 3, is located at 2009 Summer Street in Stamford, CT 06905. For more information visit [www.silversource.org](http://www.silversource.org) or call [203.324.6584](tel:203.324.6584).

## **Image to accompany this release:**

### **SilverSource Ride To Wellness1.jpg**

**Caption:** SilverSource received a \$10,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation supporting the SilverSource Ride To Wellness Program. Left to right: Camillo Duque, Brian Brinkley, Kathleen Bordelon and Karen Kelly, First County Bank's chief marketing officer and First County Bank Foundation's vice president.

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