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First County Bank Supports local homeless agency, Inspirica Inc.

STAMFORD, CT – Inspirica Inc. was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from First County Bank to support its work with the homeless in Lower Fairfield County. As one of the largest providers of services to the homeless in the state of Connecticut and the largest in lower Fairfield County, Inspirica provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and deeply affordable housing to approximately 270 people each night.

“First County Bank plays a critical role in our community not just as a bank, but in addressing critical issues where its employees and customers live and work. The grant funds provided by First County Bank allow Inspirica to continue to provide the utmost care to the 700 people we serve each year. We are grateful for their generous support of our mission, but even more importantly, for their partnership.”, said Jason Shaplen, CEO of Inspirica.

Over the past three years, a comprehensive approach to serving clients has led Inspirica to make a record 568 job placements and help a record 448 people who were homeless find permanent housing. The agency makes this measurable impact by addressing all the underlying reasons someone is homeless not just one’s lack of housing. It provides education & employment services, youth services and access to a vast array of other services such as medical and dental care, in-patient substance abuse treatment and psychiatric care through a network of formal, strategic partnerships.

First County Bank’s investment in Inspirica will provide the opportunity for more individuals to stabilize their lives for a future outside of homelessness.

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Mark Rosenbloom, Assistant Vice President First County Bank, Richard Zaremski, Senior Vice President First County Bank, Jason Shaplen, CEO of Inspirica and Holly Doherty-Lemoine, Chief Development Officer Inspirica

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About Inspirica: Inspirica's mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve – and maintain – permanent housing and stability in their lives. For more information visit www.inspiricact.org.