



**ESSEX SAVINGS BANK**  
Service & Trust Since 1851

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**ESSEX SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCES 2019 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM  
BALLOTING RESULTS**

**April 15, 2019 - Essex, Connecticut** – Essex Savings Bank was pleased to announce the results of the 24th Annual Community Investment Program. This year's 8,421 votes was the highest number of votes cast in the past five years. Bank customers were eligible to vote for their favorite non-profit organizations, online or by paper ballot, from February 1st through the 28th. A total of 72 local organizations whose missions ranged from feeding the hungry to aiding animals and from supporting league sports to fire prevention participated.

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. To fund this program, the Bank has annually committed up to 10% of its after tax net income to qualifying organizations. Of this, 30% is annually set aside to enable customers the opportunity to allocate monies to the nonprofits of their choice. For 2019, the Bank has committed \$132,000 to the Community Investment Program.

Gregory R. Shook, President & CEO, stated, "I am proud of the service this Bank and its employees provide to our community. Through our Community Investment Program we have been able to provide nearly \$4.5 million dollars to nonprofit organizations in our area. In addition to these donations, many of the Bank's employees offer their expertise to nonprofit organizations as volunteers."

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 2019**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2018 Amount</b>
Forgotten Felines, Inc.	456	\$2,144
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. - Meals on Wheels	450	\$2,116
Valley Shore Animal Welfare League	400	\$1,881
Bikes for Kids, Inc.	371	\$1,745
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	339	\$1,594
Dog Days Adoption Events, Inc.	298	\$1,401
Tait's Every Animal Matters (TEAM)	280	\$1,317
Old Saybrook Fire Company Number One, Inc.	230	\$1,082
Lyme Ambulance Association, Inc.	201	\$945
The Essex Library Association, Inc.	183	\$861
Valley Shore YMCA	179	\$842
Lyme Fire Company	178	\$837
Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. (VNLV)	175	\$823
Camp Hazen YMCA	170	\$799
Essex Land Trust, Inc.	167	\$785
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, Inc.	160	\$752
Ivoryton Library Association	151	\$710
Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association	148	\$696
Connecticut Cancer Foundation, Inc.	147	\$691
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau	137	\$644
Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc.	133	\$625
Deep River Fire Department, Inc.	130	\$611
Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.	128	\$602
Deep River Ambulance Association, Inc.	119	\$560
Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.	117	\$550
Old Saybrook Land Trust, Inc.	115	\$541
Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau, Inc.	114	\$536
The Chester Hose Company Incorporated	108	\$508
Friends of Hammonasset, Inc.	106	\$498
The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	102	\$480
Region 4 Education Foundation	100	\$470
Homeward Bound Adoptions CT, Inc.	93	\$437
Common Good Gardens, Inc.	91	\$428
Community Music School	89	\$419
Essex Community Fund, Inc.	88	\$414
Friends In Service Here (F.I.S.H.)	87	\$409
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, CT, Inc.	85	\$400
Westbrook Youth and Family Services, Inc.	85	\$400

Chester Historical Society	81	\$381
The Connecticut River Museum at Steamboat Dock	79	\$371
Angel Charities, Inc.	78	\$367
Friends of the Essex Library	78	\$367
Vista Life Innovations, Inc.	76	\$357
SARAH, Inc.	69	\$324
Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.	67	\$315
Sister Cities Essex Haiti, Inc.	67	\$315
Chester Land Trust	60	\$282
Ivoryton Village Alliance	58	\$273
Pandemonium Rainforest Project, Inc.	58	\$273
Simply Sharing, Inc.	58	\$273
Lyme Public Hall & Local History Archives, Inc.	57	\$268
Pay Forward, Inc.	55	\$259
Madison Ambulance Association, Inc.	52	\$245
Westbrook Project Graduation, Inc.	52	\$245
Maritime Education Network, Inc.	47	\$221
Old Saybrook Historical Society	46	\$216
A Little Compassion Inc. / The Nest Coffee House	45	\$212
CDE (Chester, Deep River, Essex) Cooperative Nursery School	45	\$212
Deep River Elementary School PTO, Inc	45	\$212
Deep River Historical Society, Inc.	45	\$212
Cappella Cantorum, Inc.	43	\$202
Essex Winter Series	43	\$202
Friends of the Chester Public Library, Inc.	41	\$193
Deep River Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps, Inc.	40	\$188
Act II Thrift Shop, Inc.	39	\$183
Brazilian and American Youth Cultural Exchange (BRAYCE)	34	\$160
The Country School, Inc.	33	\$155
E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, Madison	30	\$141
Valley Baseball-Softball Booster Club, Inc.	29	\$136
MusicNow Foundation, Inc	25	\$118
Infinite Strength, Inc.	18	\$85
Ruth Ann Heller Music Foundation, Inc.	18	\$85

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