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**Local Organizations Join Forces to Aid New Britain-Area Veterans**

*Donation from Hardware City Chapter of Disabled American Veterans Boosts Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Catalyst Fund Grant for Veterans in Need*

**New Britain, Conn. (November 7, 2012)** – For the past decade, members of the Catalyst Fund of the [Community Foundation of Greater New Britain](#) (CFGNB) have annually awarded a \$10,000 grant to a local cause. As the announcement nears for its 2012 Catalyst Fund grant – which will be awarded to a veterans organization providing critical services to local veterans in need – the Foundation has learned that the grant will be boosted by some 35 percent, thanks to a donation from Hardware City Chapter 8 of the [Disabled American Veterans](#) (DAV).

The local DAV chapter will make a \$3,500 donation to CFGNB’s Catalyst Fund, specifically to supplement this year’s Catalyst grant aimed at helping area vets. As a result, when Catalyst Fund members meet this month to select this year’s grant recipient, the grant they award will be for \$13,500, thereby bolstering the number of veterans in need who will benefit from these funds.

“This generous donation could not come at a better time,” said Catalyst Fund Steering Committee Chairperson Keith Bova. “The issues facing today’s veterans are more numerous and complex than ever, and every little bit of additional support we can muster means so much. As we prepare to award this year’s Catalyst Fund grant, we are thankful for the DAV’s confidence in our grant selection process and for their selfless support of area vets.”

The DAV funds come courtesy of the recent Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open, presented by Farmington Bank. Hardware City Chapter 8 received \$5,000 of the event’s \$10,000 in net proceeds, and according to local DAV Chapter Commander Ron Pelletier, directing a majority of these funds to this year’s Catalyst Fund effort on behalf of local vets was an easy choice.

“Our mission is to build better lives for veterans, and as a local DAV chapter, our focus is on supporting and helping vets in our community,” said Pelletier. “When we learned of this year’s Catalyst Fund focus on veterans, our common goal was obvious and it made all the sense in the world to pool resources so we can help as many local vets as we can.”

The Catalyst Fund is a community service initiative which brings people who care about New Britain, Berlin, Plainville and Southington together to experience philanthropy first-hand. For a modest annual investment of \$250, Catalyst Fund members annually select a charitable focus, convene educational sessions to learn about their issue and, at the end of each year, choose a nonprofit recipient specializing in the issue of choice to receive a grant. This year’s issue of choice is veterans’ causes; the Community Foundation plans to announce its 2012 Catalyst Fund grant recipient later this month.

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The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans is a non-profit 501(c)(4) charity dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. The Hardware City Chapter supports New Britain-area vets through a variety of programs and services, including the DAV veterans transportation program; "Christmas in February" which provides gifts and supplies to veterans at the VA Hospital; "Stand Down" which provides homeless and less fortunate vets and their families with clothing, medical, legal and other personal assistance; and the "Forget-Me-Not" program which raises much-needed funds for programs and services. For more information, visit [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

Established in 1941, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain connects donors who care with causes that matter in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. It does this by raising resources and developing partnerships that make a measurable improvement in the quality of life in each of these communities. For more information, visit [www.cfgnb.org](http://www.cfgnb.org).