

## Health center grant

MIDDLETOWN — The Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Community Health Center to help fund a new building to house the New Horizons Battered Women's Shelter. This donation is part of more than \$315,000 in grants that the Foundation expects to disburse to nonprofit organizations during 2000.

"This is one of the many supportive gestures that Liberty Bank has made to our program, as well as to the many other programs under the umbrella of the Community Health Center. Liberty Bank and their employees understand the importance of helping programs that improve the quality of life for families in our communities. At this time, there is a need to move to a new location and Liberty Bank is one of the first to play a role in making our dream a reality," said Mary Ann Dayton-Fitzgerald, director of New Horizons Domestic Violence Services.

The Foundation was established in spring 1997 to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million grants to nonprofit organizations involved with community and economic development, health, human services, education and the arts.

New Horizons Battered Women's Shelter has been an integral part of the Community Health Center since 1978, in pro-

viding emergency shelter to women and children. The need for emergency shelter is an important part of keeping families safe, so that they can receive the support services necessary to help improve the quality of their lives. New Horizons also offers prevention, as well as aftercare services, to men, women and children who are victims of domestic violence throughout Middlesex and New London counties.