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Stratford Community Fund Honors Outstanding Community Members

Lighthouse Award presented to recipients whose efforts help build a strong community.

STRATFORD, CT – Nov. 7, 2013 – The [Stratford Community Fund](http://www.stratfordcommunityfund.org), a local, 501(c)3 non-profit organization, dedicated to enriching the quality of life for residents of the greater Stratford, Connecticut community, announced the four individuals and one group as the recipients of the 2013 Lighthouse Award for outstanding contributions to the Stratford Community.

“An important part of the Stratford Community Fund’s mission is to recognize and honor community groups, businesses, and outstanding members of our community, who have given generously of their time and talent for the betterment of our Town. To do that we initiated the Lighthouse Award in 2007,” said Bill O’Brien, president of the Stratford Community Fund. “We believe that celebrating our successes provides inspiration to others, and, ultimately results in making our community stronger.”

The 2013 recipients were:

- Virginia Harris, for her continued service as a member and President of the Board of Trustees for the Friends of Boothe Park and as a member of the Stratford Community Fund board.
- Janet Lengel for her work beautifying the community through the Our Lady of Peace Garden Club, the Lordship Improvement Association and various other beautifications projects.
- Paul Reslink for his efforts as a trustee for the Friends of Boothe Park and the American Institute of Architects, AIA Connecticut and the Committee on Environment.
- General Manager John Calcaretta and the staff of the Stratford Ninety-Nine Restaurant in supporting initiatives throughout the community.
- Stratford’s Best Committee for its continuing endeavors to support Stratford’s public schools including mini-grants provided to teachers to support classroom efforts.

In addition, a special recognition award was presented to Aaron Steinfeld for his work over several years in assisting the Stratford Community Fund in its rebranding efforts and to launch its new website – www.stratfordcommunityfund.org.

For more information about the Lighthouse Awards recipients, the award itself, or the Stratford Community Fund, visit www.stratfordcommunityfund.org.

About Stratford Community Fund

The Stratford Community Fund, Inc. (SCF) is a local, 501(c)3 non-profit organization, dedicated to enriching the quality of life for residents of the greater Stratford, Connecticut community. The organization seeks to build an awareness of Stratford as a unique and desirable community. For more than two decades the organization has sought to foster the spirit of community by empowering residents of the greater Stratford, Connecticut community to reach their personal, professional, philanthropic and public service aspirations.

The initiatives supported by the SCF range from youth development and education to adult programming and town beautification. For more information about previously sponsored projects, to apply for a grant, or to make a contribution to the SCF, visit www.stratfordcommunityfund.org.

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