

THE GIVING CIRCLE OF LOWER WESTCHESTER, INC.

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THE GIVING CIRCLE OF LOWER WESTCHESTER APPROVES \$20,000 GRANT TO FOOD BANK FOR WESTCHESTER TO FUND PRODUCE FOR NEW ROCHELLE AND YONKERS PRE-SCHOOLS

WHITE PLAINS, New York (April 27, 2015)... THE GIVING CIRCLE OF LOWER WESTCHESTER, INC. announced that it is partnering with the Food Bank for Westchester to provide fresh produce to children at New Rochelle Day Nursery and the Queens Daughters Daycare in Yonkers. The Produce, provided under the Food Bank's Green Thumb Program, will be funded by the Giving Circle through annual grants of \$10,000 in each of 2015 and 2016.

Each of the two pre-schools will receive a monthly distribution of "Green Thumb Bags" containing 6-8 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables. The program advances a key priority of improving the nutritional value of food made available to those at risk of hunger in Westchester County. In addition to the "take-home" Green Thumb Bags, the children in the participating programs will be provided fresh fruit for snacks. The produce is provided primarily from local farms in and around Florida, New York.

Eric Nodiff, the Giving Circle's President, said "This program advances our mission of alleviating hunger, supporting programs that advance nutrition and reducing the risk of hunger among children in our community. This program supplements the Giving Circle's traditional grant program that assists front-line hunger relief programs. Special thanks to Marcy Wolf and Nancy Bookchin who are spearheading this program on behalf of the Giving Circle."

About the Giving Circle of Lower Westchester

The Giving Circle of Lower Westchester is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization formed in 2011. The Giving Circle is self-funded by its members and provides grants to front-line hunger relief organizations in lower Westchester County. Last year it provided grants totaling \$59,500 to 16 soup kitchens and food pantries. Membership is open to all Westchester County residents.

For further information on the Giving Circle of Lower Westchester, contact Eric Nodiff at givingcirclelw@gmail.com.