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The Essex Foundation Helps Fund Ivoryton Playhouse Actors' Housing

Awards \$15,000 grant for Furnishing Year-Round Rental Home

Essex, CT – Now in its 95th producing season, Ivoryton Playhouse continues its long tradition of welcoming professional talent from across the country—bringing in over 50 guest artists each year to create high-quality live theater. Finding affordable and appropriate short-term accommodations for them in the shoreline area has always been a challenge for the local nonprofit group. When an opportunity to rent a house in Centerbrook at a discounted, year-round rate presented itself, the Playhouse seized it. They then turned to The Essex Foundation for financial assistance and received a resounding “yes” to a \$15,000 funding request to help furnish the four bedrooms and two shared living areas. The house is expected to be move-in ready early in June.



"We are deeply grateful to The Essex Foundation for all they do for our community. This generous grant helps the Playhouse advance its long-term goals of sustainability—positively impacting local businesses, audiences, and the vitality of our town," commented Jacqueline Hubbard, Executive/Artistic Director. "It's a true gift to be able to say to the artists who walk through our doors: your work matters, this community supports you, and you are welcome here."

Strick Hyde, President of The Essex Foundation, added, "The Playhouse is a valued asset in the Essex community and beyond. We applaud their ability to attract top talent to our area and appreciate the need to provide suitable and reliable accommodations for the cast year after year."

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Pictured Above (L-R): Sue McCann, Judy Bombaci, Cheryl Hager, Gary Riggio, Marla Bogaert, Jim Clark, Jacqui Hubbard, Bruce Glowac, and Katie Barton.