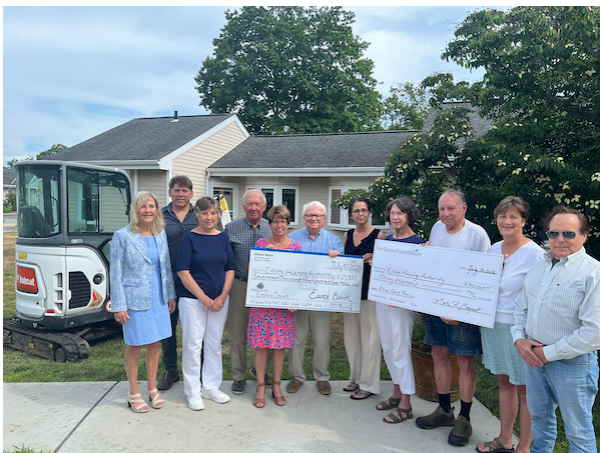


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Essex Court Residents Will Enjoy New Outdoor Space with Help from The Essex Foundation *\$30,000 Grant Awarded for Design and Installation of Accessible Patios*

Essex, CT – Spending time outdoors has been a challenge for many elderly residents of Essex Court located at 15 Main Street in Centerbrook. The back doors of 28 units step down to an uneven patch of dirt and grass, making it uncomfortable and unsafe to relax outside with friends and family. The Essex Housing Authority (EHA), which has oversight for affordable senior rental housing at Essex Court decided new patios were the solution, and funding assistance was essential for the improvements to happen this summer. After a presentation and funding request from EHA Commission Chair Janice Atkeson, The Essex Foundation Board of Directors approved a \$30,000 grant award for the design and installation of “step-less” poured concrete patios, with work being done by Sean Scott Masonry. Essex Bank also provided \$17,500 toward the project while the remaining cost are covered by Essex Housing Authority reserves.



“Our resident population is older and frailer now,” stated Ms. Atkeson. “A safe outdoor space that can be enjoyed with family and friends is important. We are grateful for The Essex Foundation’s quick response and vital support in helping to improve the quality of life for our local seniors.”

According to The Essex Foundation President Strickland Hyde III, “This is the type of project that the Foundation loves to support. We are happy to partner with the Essex Housing Authority and Essex Bank in contributing to the well-being of our fellow citizens.”

The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents. It relies on bequests and donations from the community to provide funding support for a broad range of needs not met by other organizations or sources. More information can be found online at www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing: contact@theessexfoundation.org.

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Pictured Above: Representatives from The Essex Foundation (TEF), Essex Bank (EB) Essex Housing Authority (EHA), and Essex Housing Management (EHM) gathered to present funding grants for the construction of resident patios at Essex Court in Centerbrook. Pictured from left to right are: Lynn Giroux (EB), Jim Clark (TEF), Judy Bombaci (TEF), Bruce Glowac (TEF), Diane Arnold (EB), Richard Stebbins (EHA), Mary Mansour (EHM), Janice Atkeson (EHA), Strickland Hyde III (TEF), Marla Bogaert (TEF), Gary Riggio (TEF).