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**Eastern CT Savings Bank Donates to Build Planters at The Arc Eastern Connecticut's
Mechanic Street Location in Danielson**

The Arc Eastern Connecticut recently received a generous donation from Eastern CT Savings Bank to purchase new planters for The Arc's Mechanic Street location in Danielson, CT. This contribution will help enhance the environment and provide therapeutic gardening opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

"We are incredibly thankful to Eastern CT Savings Bank for their support," said Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc Eastern Connecticut. "The new planters will provide meaningful, hands-on gardening activities for the people we support."

The funds will be used to install a series of accessible planters designed for growing flowers, herbs, and vegetables. These gardening activities provide therapeutic benefits, including physical activity, sensory stimulation, and a sense of accomplishment, contributing to the overall well-being of participants.

The planter project benefits the more than 150 participants who use the Mechanic Street facility weekly. It is part of The Arc Eastern Connecticut's ongoing efforts to create a welcoming and engaging environment for people with IDD. Seeds for the project were donated by Ocean State Job Lots and the UConn Master Gardener program.

About The Arc Eastern Connecticut:

The Arc Eastern Connecticut is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for and supporting people with IDD in the communities of eastern Connecticut. Since its founding in 1952, the Agency has been committed to promoting inclusion, independence, and quality of life for people with IDD through advocacy, education, and community-based services. To learn more, please visit TheArcECT.org.

Caption: New planters, purchased with the help of Eastern CT Savings Bank, will bring much joy to Arc participants who attend the day program at the Mechanic St. location in Danielson, CT.