2024 Annual Report







LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Ives Bank embarks on another year, I am proud to reflect on our achievements and on the solid foundation we have built for the future. Each year presents unique challenges and opportunities, and our team has demonstrated remarkable dedication and resilience in navigating them successfully.

The defining moment for us in 2024 was the transition to Ives Bank, a milestone that honors our 175-year legacy, while positioning us for the future. Our name may have changed, but our mission remains steadfast—we continue to be the same trusted institution committed to serving our customers and employees, while preserving the region's history and sense of community.

Despite economic uncertainty, Ives Bank maintained a strong financial performance throughout 2024. Our total assets, loan originations, and deposits continued to grow, and we were once again ranked among the top three banks in Connecticut within our peer group. This success is a testament to our disciplined financial strategies and to our unwavering commitment to our customers.

Our support to the communities we serve remains at the core of our mission. In 2024, the Foundation, receiving nearly \$1 million in grant requests from 155 agencies, continued to provide crucial support to local non-profit organizations. Additionally, our employees volunteered over 4,000 hours, further strengthening our role as a community partner.

To ensure we have the talent necessary to achieve our strategic goals, we focused on attracting and retaining top-tier professionals. Last year, we promoted or hired 20% of our total employee population, reinforcing our dedication to professional growth and development. We remain devoted to investing in our team to maintain our standard of excellence in customer service and banking expertise.

Our commitment to Danbury is evident in the ongoing construction of our new headquarters at the corner of Main Street and White Street. Set for completion in 2026, this state-of-the-art facility will house 75 employees and contribute to the local economy by increasing foot traffic and fostering economic growth in the downtown area.



The future of Ives Bank is bright. As we continue to grow and expand, we remain true to our core mission of "People Serving People." Our Board of Directors, Corporators, executive team, and employees have played a pivotal role in shaping an institution that is both trusted and respected.

At Ives Bank our success is built on taking care of our customers, our community, and each other—a principle that guides us every day. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, we are confident that our strategic initiatives, coupled with our adherence to prudent and conservative financial principles, will position us for sustained success.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our entire team, thank you for your continued trust and confidence in Ives Bank. We look forward to another year of shared success.

Sincerely,

Martin G. Morgado
President and Chief Executive Officer

175 YEARS OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE

Since its inception in 2004, the Savings Bank of Danbury Foundation (SBD Foundation) has been dedicated to supporting local nonprofit organizations in the areas the Bank serves. The Foundation awards grant funding to several programs and initiatives focused on Affordable Housing, Arts and Culture, Community Services and Economic Development, Education, and Health and Human Services.

We're proud to share that in 2024, the Foundation increased its donations by 5% compared to the previous year, awarding grants to 128 worthy organizations throughout our communities.

Every year we invite nonprofit organizations across our service area to apply for grant funding. As we review applications, we are continually inspired by the incredible work these groups do to enhance the quality of life in Connecticut.

As a community bank, we believe our responsibility extends beyond banking. We strive to be engaged neighbors and active contributors to the well-being of the communities we proudly serve.





175 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

In 2024, Ives Bank employees contributed over 4,000 volunteer hours to support our local communities. Our pledge to service shines through the diverse initiatives and partnerships we engage in, making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

United Way Day of Action

Employees actively participated in the annual United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut and United Way of Greater Waterbury Day of Action.

Through this collaboration, we extended our support to critical community programs and initiatives.

Supporting Seniors and Their Pets

Our partnership with the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation continued to thrive as employees volunteered with the Senior Paw Project. By delivering pet supplies to seniors in need, we help ensure they can keep and care for their beloved pets.

Spring Clean-Up for Seniors and Veterans

In collaboration with Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, employees rolled up their sleeves for the Spring Clean-Up, assisting low-income seniors and veterans with yard maintenance and beautification efforts.

Arts in Education Program

Ives Bank employees had the pleasure of chaperoning elementary school students from Danbury Public Schools at the Ridgefield Playhouse for free movie viewings, supporting the Arts in Education Program while helping to inspire a love for the arts.



Health and Wellness Events

Our employees enthusiastically participated in local 5K events, including Ann's Place, Race for Catherine, The Center for Empowerment, and Education's SafeWalk, to promote community health and raise awareness for vital causes.

Fighting Food Insecurity

Ives Bank is steadfast in its commitment to alleviating food insecurity. We've supported numerous food banks, including Daily Bread Food Pantry, Camella's Cupboard, Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministry, the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County, and Filling in the Blanks. Additionally, our employees volunteer with the Walnut Hill Community Church Food Pantry, packing food for over 1,000 individuals and families and distributing food to seniors through The Community Food Rescue.

Mentorship and Youth Development

Mentoring remains a cornerstone of our community engagement. Ives Bank employees dedicate time and expertise to programs such as the Danbury School and Business Connection, Danbury Youth Services Summer Employment Program, Women's Mentoring Network, Waterbury Boys and Girls Club, Junior Achievement, and the Human Services Council. Through these efforts we help empower the next generation to achieve their full potential.

At Ives Bank, we are proud of our employees' dedication to serving our community and fostering positive change. Together we continue to build stronger, more resilient neighborhoods for everyone.



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175 YEARS OF INVESTING IN OUR EMPLOYEES

Ives Bank is proud to invest in the continuing education of our employees. We congratulate Rachtha Thach, Core Application Administrator, and Diana Netto, Core Application Analyst, as Class of 2024 graduates of the Connecticut Bankers Association's Connecticut School of Finance & Management (CSFM). CSFM is the premier management training program offered by the Association.

Rosemarie Borrelli, Vice President, Digital Banking Manager, and Trena McNeal, Assistant Vice President, Community

Development Officer, graduated from Leadership Danbury - a program run by the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce - with the goal to prepare and enhance future community leaders for positions of responsibility. Participants engage in discussions with community businesses, go behind the scenes at area establishments, build leadership skills, create a lasting network of contacts, and give back to the community with a meaningful group project. Farid Cabrera, Assistant Vice President, Community Development Officer, was a graduate of the Leadership Waterbury Class of 2024.

We also recognize Dana Rosenbergen, Assistant Vice President, Commercial Credit Analyst, on her graduation from The Connecticut Bankers Association's ASPIRE Leadership Academy.

Other educational programs offered to employees include the Center for Financial Training (CFT) and ABA's Stonier Graduate School of Banking.





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175 YEARS OF SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS

2024 was an exciting year for our branches as we celebrated our 175th anniversary with our customers and unveiled our new name - Ives Bank.

Our Customer Care Center, established in 2023, played a critical role in helping customers transition to our new Ives mobile and online banking app. During this period the Center nearly doubled its normal volume and extended hours to ensure a smooth and supportive transition.

In 2024 we introduced Greenlight, a financial education tool designed for children. This engaging platform offers games promoting financial literacy, customizable debit cards with parental controls, and chore-based rewards systems to help build healthy financial habits. To date, over 230 children, parents, and grandparents have embraced this innovative product.

Despite ongoing pressure on deposits, we successfully retained customers and achieved strong growth in consumer balances. We welcomed more than 1,650 new consumer checking customers and saw a 38% increase in mobile banking enrollments.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to enhance and relaunch our consumer checking product suite and to introduce Zelle, a leading P2P instant payment solution, with implementation expected in the second half of the year.

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175 YEARS OF HOME SWEET HOME

We are proud to have continued fulfilling the mortgage lending needs of our community members throughout the challenging mortgage market of 2024. Despite ongoing pressures from elevated mortgage rates and limited inventory, our mortgage loan volume remained resilient. Our dedicated team of mortgage professionals consistently provided their expertise and support to customers across the markets we serve.

Leveraging both cutting-edge technology and local market knowledge, our origination team excels at connecting customers with the most suitable products to meet their unique needs. By enhancing the application process with advanced technology, we ensure a seamless, efficient, and customer-friendly experience.

We continue to offer a comprehensive range of highly desirable mortgage products tailored to the needs of our customers in Connecticut and New York.

Our diverse suite of lending solutions includes fixed-rate conforming and jumbo loans, adjustable-rate mortgages, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans, construction loans, and down payment assistance loans provided through our partnership with the Housing Development Fund. Additionally, our proprietary First-Time Homebuyers Program remains a valuable resource for many customers aspiring to achieve the dream of homeownership.

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Our steadfast dedication to customer satisfaction, growth, and technological innovation is the foundation of our success. We remain focused on delivering personalized attention and support, empowering our customers to achieve their homeownership goals with confidence.

175 YEARS OF SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Commercial Banking team continues to focus on community lending with exciting projects in a variety of industries including affordable housing, construction, manufacturing, medical, hospitality, automotive, and social services. The lending team supported multiple startup and expansion projects, adding to the economic vitality of the communities we serve.

In 2024, the Commercial Lending Team received several accolades:

BDC Capital Financing Solutions
 Top Lender Award

BDC Capital Financing Solutions
 Connecticut Banker of the Year

Connecticut SBA
 504 Lender

The Commercial Banking team's dedication to customer service focuses on cash management offerings, and our unique approach in assigning all business clients with a dedicated Community Development Manager. This approach led to an 8% growth in core commercial deposits in a challenging and competitive market. Our strong performance underscores our commitment to building lasting relationships and providing tailored solutions that drive growth and success for our business clients.

"We count on Ives Bank, every day and they deliver everytime."

Doug Polistena, The Amber Room Colonnade & Ray Kostka, Vice President, Commercial Lending

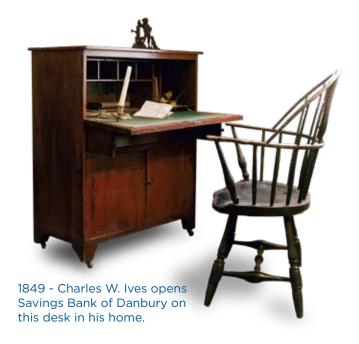




This year, we proudly marked a historic milestone—175 years of continuous service. This achievement reflects the strength of our community and the enduring legacy we've built together.

Founded in 1849, we are honored to be the oldest continuously operating business in the City of Danbury. Our humble beginnings trace back to the desk of George W. Ives at the Ives Home, where the Bank officially accepted its first deposits on July 14, 1849. In those early days, banking was informal and deeply personal. The Bank operated only on Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m., and in Mr.

Ives's absence, deposits could be left with his wife at their kitchen door. On opening day, we received eight deposits totaling \$15. By the end of our first year, total deposits had reached \$12.245.59.



Our growth over the past 175 years reflects the strength of the community we serve and the trust we've earned together. From those modest origins, Ives Bank has grown into a dynamic financial institution with 16 branches, more than \$1.6 billion in assets, and digital banking services designed to meet the everchanging needs of individuals, families, and businesses.

This journey is a testament to the vision and dedication of the many individuals who have shaped our path. We are grateful to our customers, directors, corporators, and employees—past and present—whose contributions have made our continued success possible. As we honor our legacy, we remain energized and optimistic about the future.

We commemorated this milestone with a special celebration in the fall, joined by our Board, Corporators, and loyal customers. The evening was made even more memorable with special guest speakers Caroline Ducharme and Aubrey Griffin from UConn Women's Basketball. Their stories of perseverance, teamwork, and passion inspired us all.

To everyone who joined us in celebration—thank you. Your continued support fuels our mission of People Serving People.

Here's to our remarkable history, our resilient community, and the many more years of partnership, innovation, and service that lie ahead.



FINANCIALS

(in Thousands)		
Balance Sheet	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash and Due from Bank	\$69,165	\$61,133
Securities	\$128,702	\$115,292
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	\$6,490	\$8,278
Loans, Net	\$1,352,139	\$1,294,092
Premises and Equipment, Net	\$20,502	\$20,067
Other Assets	\$68,119	\$63,984
Total Assets	\$1,645,117	\$1,562,846
Liabilities and Capital		
Deposits	\$1,267,182	\$1,156,451
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	\$150,220	\$195,220
Other Liabilities	\$22,786	\$19,658
Capital	\$204,929	\$191,517
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$1,645,117	\$1,562,846
Capital Ratio		
Tier 1 Leverage Capital Ratio	12.8%	12.9%
Income Statement	2024	2023
Interest and Dividend Income	\$81,218	\$66,554
Interest Expense	\$36,612	\$19,488
Net Interest and Dividend Income	\$44,606	\$47,066
Provision for Loan Losses	\$ (799)	\$2,257
Net Interest and Dividend Income after Provision for Loan Losses	\$45,405	\$44,809
Non-Interest Income	\$8,744	\$7,421
Non-Interest Expense	\$35,852	\$33,780
Income Before Tax Expense	\$18,297	\$18,450
Income Tax Expense	\$3,730	\$3,741
Net Income	\$14,567	\$14,709

SAVINGS BANK OF DANBURY FOUNDATION GRANTS IN 2024:

Affordable Housing

Amos House, Inc.

Association Of Religious Communities

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, Inc. D/B/A Building

Neighborhoods Together (Bnt)

Capital For Change

Family & Children's Aid

Housatonic Habitat For Humanity

Housing Development Fund, Inc.

Neighborhood Housing Services Of Waterbury (Dba Nest)

New Milford Affordable Housing, Inc.

Off The Streets, Inc.

Under One Roof, Inc.

Arts & Culture

Brookfield Craft Center

Cultural Alliance Of Western Connecticut

Danbury Music Centre, Inc.

Mattatuck Museum

Musicals At Richter

New Milford Historical Society & Museum

Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.

Ridgefield Playhouse For Movies

And The Performing Arts

Stanley L. Richter Association For The Arts

The Palace Theater, Inc.

Village Center For The Arts, Inc.

Community Services & Economic Development

Advancing Connecticut Together, Inc

Bedrock Credit America Inc

Caroline Previdi Foundation

Catholic Charities Of Fairfield County

Central Connecticut Coast Ymca

Community Action Agency Of Western Connecticut

Daily Bread Food Pantry

Danbury Vita - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Dorothy Day Hospitality House

Fairfield County's Community Foundation

Fish Of New Fairfield, Inc.

Homefront, Inc

Laundry Love Of Greater Danbury

New Milford Economic Development Corporation

Newtown Community Center

Prospects, Opportunity And Enrichment, Inc.

Score Of Western Ct

The New American Dream Foundation

The United Way Of Coastal And Western Connecticut

The Wheels Program Of Greater New Milford, Inc.

The Women's Business Development Council

The Workplace, Inc.

Walnut Hill Community Church Food Pantry

Waterbury Youth Services

Women's Mentoring Network, Inc.

Education

Boys & Girls Club Of Greater Waterbury

Brave Enough To Fail Inc.

Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary

Children's Center Of New Milford, Inc.

Children's Community School

Connecticut Science Center

Danbury Grassroots Academy

Danbury Student And Business Connection

Danbury Pal

Domus Kids, Inc.

Edadvance

Hall Neighborhood House, Inc.

Human Services Council - Norwalk Mentor Program

Intempo Organization Inc.

Jericho Partnership

Junior Achievement Of Greater Fairfield County

Latino Scholarship Fund

Literacy Volunteers Of Greater Waterbury

Literacy Volunteers On The Green Inc.

Lva School Inc

Mcgivney Community Center

New Pond Farm And Education Center

Norwalk Housing Foundation

Reach Western Connecticut

Regional Ymca Of Western Connecticut Inc.

Shakesperience Productions, Inc.

Shepherds, Inc.

Soundwaters. Inc.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Stamford Public Education Foundation

The Center For Empowerment And Education Inc.

The Newtown Scholarship Association

The Norwalk Conservatory Of The Arts

The Rowan Center

The University Of Bridgeport

Wakeman Memorial Association

Waterbury Promise Inc.

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Youth Business Initiative

Health & Human Services

Ability Beyond Disability, Inc.

Americares Free Clinics, Inc.

Ann's Place

Apex Community Care, Inc.

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.

Brass City Harvest, Inc.

Brian Gibbons Homeless Outreach

Camella's Cupboard Food Pantry For Children

Catholic Charities Of Fairfield County

Christian Counseling Center Of Greater Danbury, Inc.

Columbus House, Inc.

Connecticut Counseling Centers. Inc

Connecticut Foodshare

Connecticut Institute For Communities

Connecticut Radio Information System

Danbury And New Milford Hospital Foundation,

Western Ct Homecare

Danbury Youth Services

Families Network Of Western Ct. Inc.

Filling In The Blanks

Golden Opportunity Networks Inc

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

Hillside Food Outreach, Inc

Kids In Crisis

Laurel House, Inc.

Malta House Inc.

New Opportunities, Inc.

Newtown Youth And Family Services

Operation Vet Fit, Inc

Pacific House Inc.

Regional Hospice And Home Care Of Western

Connecticut, Inc.

Renewal House, Inc. Rynahealth

Safe Haven Of Greater Waterbury

Saint Mary's Hospital

Silversource. Inc.

St. Vincent Depaul Mission Of Waterbury, Inc.

The Child And Family Guidance Center

The Food Bank Of Lower Fairfield County, Inc.

The Salvation Army Danbury

The Salvation Army Waterbury
The Tiny Miracles Foundation, Inc.

Waterbury Arc Inc.



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DANBURY	35 West St	203.797.2624
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NEW MILFORD	314 Danbury Rd	860.210.9610
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