Local Elks Lodge #1537 donates $2,000 to the Community House

WEST HAVEN (July 15, 2012) – West Haven Elks Lodge #1537 has donated $2,000 toward the purchase of a refrigeration unit benefitting the children and families served by the West Haven Community House’s Head Start pre-school program.

Scott Shand, Esteemed Leading Knight of the West Haven Elks Lodge, recently stopped by the Community House to present a check from the Elks to the Community House. The Community House operates a pre-school program serving 163 three- and four-year-old city children from the agency’s main headquarters at 227 Elm Street.

Community House Executive Director Patty Stevens thanked all the members of the West Haven Elks Lodge for its generosity in helping fund the refrigeration unit, saying, “Whenever a big ticket item like a refrigeration unit needs to be replaced, it always puts a strain on our already-tight budgets here.

“It is a huge help to us and of course, the children and staff in our Head Start program, to be able to rely on organizations like the West Haven Elks Lodge to help us defray these kinds of capital costs as they occur."

The West Haven Elks Lodge #1537 operates out of its headquarters at 265 Main Street, with Kevin Moore serving as the Exalted Ruler for 2011-12. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, except for July and August when they meet on the second Tuesday only.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country. Since its inception in 1868, the Order of Elks has grown to include nearly 1.2 million men and women in almost 2,200 communities including West Haven.

The B.P.O. Elks is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. To that end, Elks have now disbursed more than $2.69 billion in cash, goods, and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and in support of patriotic and civic programs since its inception.

Shand said, “We are very pleased to be able to help the Community House fulfill its mission to helping children and families in the city.

“Organizations like the Community House need our support and I urge other organizations and individuals in greater West Haven to consider a donation to them,” Shand said.

For more information including how you can make a donation to the West Haven Community House, please call Development Director Chris Carroll at (203) 934-5221.