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Donations making a big impact at Camp MOE!

Torrington, CT - - Litchfield Bancorp executives recently toured Camp MOE to see how the bank's donation made in support of LARC's "*From the Ground Up – A Campaign for Camp MOE*" has impacted the facility. Tom Villanova, president and chief executive officer, and Paul McLaughlin, executive vice president and chief operation officer, not only saw the new boat house made possible by Litchfield Bancorp but witnessed first-hand the Camp MOE experience! As part of the tour, the gentlemen visited the waterfront, where campers and camp staff were engaged in -- and visibly enjoying -- a variety of water-based activities!

"Litchfield Bancorp has been a steady and generous supporter of LARC and Camp MOE over the years," said Michael Menard, Executive Director of LARC. "It was great to have Tom and Paul visit on such a perfect day, with camp in full swing." The guests were amazed at the work done at the waterfront and throughout the facility, acknowledging the location is an ideal place for work retreats and events. "It's really a great place," noted Paul as he and Tom surveyed the newly-refurbished lodge. "I can definitely see the bank holding a meeting or gathering here."

An astonishing amount of work has been completed at Camp MOE since the quiet phase of the campaign began in 2016. The goal of \$1.5 million is well within reach, as nearly 90% has been raised. Not only has the camp experience been greatly enhanced for the campers but the entire facility is better suited to a long-term goal of serving a variety of needs in the community related to LARC's mission of *Community for All*.

Camp MOE is an inclusive summer day camp that empowers children, both with and without special needs, to explore and thrive. This season, campers are enjoying an enhanced beach area, new docks, climbing walls, a completely-renovated lodge, bocce court, gaga pits and much more.

The Arc of Litchfield County, Inc. (LARC) supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, helping them live full and rewarding lives in the community. The goals of Camp MOE emulate the values which LARC has embraced for over fifty years: offer a variety of activities that include all children; teach values of caring, honesty, respect and

responsibility; allow children to experience diversity in a positive and accepting environment; and, instill an appreciation of nature.

To learn more about LARC and Camp MOE, visit www.litchfieldarc.org and www.campmoe.org

Caption:

From left to right: Tom Villanova, president and chief executive officer of Litchfield Bancorp, Michael Menard, LARC executive director, and Paul McLaughlin, executive vice president and chief operation officer at Litchfield Bancorp in front of the boat house which was made possible through the bank's support of the "From the Ground Up – A Campaign for Camp MOE."

