

## **For Immediate Release:**

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### ***Students Honoring Veterans: A Group Effort at Veterans Park***

Over the past decade, Marion Glowka, Streetscape Coordinator for Stamford Downtown has spearheaded the effort to maintain and revitalize Veteran's Park. Her work has always been part of a group endeavor, and together various partners, they have transformed nearly every inch of this 2-acre oasis in the heart of the Downtown. The City of Stamford Parks Department works hand-in-hand with Stamford Downtown to support Marion's efforts with every resource available to them. Each year 3 seasonal plantings are installed in multiple locations throughout the park by Marion's Garden Groomers, a group of



volunteers from every corner of Stamford who are willing to donate their time and effort to beautify Stamford Downtown. Private partners First County Bank and Reckson SL Green, owner of Landmark Square, both meticulously maintain their adjacent properties to enhance and complement the park. And in recent years Reckson SL Green provided the resources for major landscape improvements in several key areas within the park. It's all about creating and sustaining partnerships.

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013, a new Veterans' Park partnership will begin. In honor of the sacrifices made by our veterans, **an ambitious group of FUTURE 5 volunteers will plant 2,000 daffodils on the southeast hillside of the park.** FUTURE 5, a non-profit organization, works with motivated high school students here in Stamford to help them connect to positive academic and career paths. The student membership experience also includes connection to the Stamford community, especially in the form of community service. FUTURE 5 Student Advocate, Kate Sullivan, and Gerrienne Delaney, previously the Volunteer Director at Neighbors Link Stamford, will be working together this year to develop this critical piece of FUTURE 5 programming.

**What:** Daffodil Planting

**Where:** Veterans Park, 140 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT 06901

**When:** Veterans Day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM

And remember, you're invited twice, once to see the planting on the 11th and a second time in April 2014 to see the 2,000 daffodils burst forth.