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North Haven Rotary donates \$2,500 to three area charities

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NORTH HAVEN — The three latest charities to receive support from the North Haven Rotary club at the Breakfast Nook July 26 were the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden, Soul Friends in Wallingford, and New Haven Home Recovery, Inc.

The guest of Past President Theresa Viele, Karen Lenahan accepted a check for \$1,000 to support the museum's science programs. This particular donation was raised by the club through their partnership with the Kids for Kids competition last April.

Next up to the podium was Kate Nicoll, the Executive Director of Soul Friends who was the guest of Past President Luigi Nuzzolillo and his sister Maria Nuzzolillo. Nicoll and her guide dog, Muffin, received \$500 to help pair animals with children who have special needs. This interaction between the disabled and pets helps the children with their verbal and social skills. Soul Friends is a non-profit organization which has helped over 4,500 children statewide since its inception.

New Haven Home Recovery, Inc. is a group of volunteers who assist children and families in the inner city with housing and other essentials, from diapers to backpacks full of school supplies. Mary Grande, who was the keynote speaker, was the guest of Claudia Giulietti, wife of Past President Jim Giulietti, and a well known volunteer at the North Haven Senior Center. Grande received a check for \$1,000 to assist with her extensive charitable work.

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