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The New Haven Free Public Library Foundation announces Fran DeToro as newest Board Member!

The New Haven Free Public Library (NHFPL) Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Fran DeToro as its newest member. Ms. DeToro is Resident Sales Associate and a member of Edgehill Realtors LLC at Pearce Real Estate. The recipient of the Pearce Community Service Award, Ms. DeToro is recognized as member of this top producing team in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Ms. DeToro returned to New Haven in 2002 after a successful career as Human Resources Director at Publicis, an international advertising agency in Manhattan. Shortly after her arrival she became involved in community service including volunteering with the NHFPL in organizing the former “Books Sandwiched In” book-talk series. She was active with Women’s Health Research at Yale (WHRY) where she had a decade of service as a Council Member, including as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Co-Chair of WHRY’s Gloria Steinem fundraising Gala. She is also an active supporter of the Long Wharf Theatre, where she served on the Gala Committee, and, is a member of the Italian-American Historical Society of Connecticut and the National Organization of Italian-American Women.

NHFPL Foundation President, Priscilla Dannies, stated: “We are thrilled to welcome Fran to our Board and know she will make significant contributions to advance the mission of our public library.” Ms. DeToro is married to Jamie Cohen, a retired Derby attorney and Valley Community Foundation President and CEO.

The NHFPL Foundation raises funds in support of the mission of the New Haven Free Public Library. External funds from private donors, foundations and grants supplement the NHFPL’s operating budget from the City of New Haven and augment funding for outstanding collections, e-resources, technology, staff development and training, and innovative services.

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