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**NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT
TO BETHLEHEM YOUTH COURT**



Photo caption l to r: Devan Baranski, Bethlehem Central High School senior youth court member; Foundation Board Member, James R. Barnes; Katrina Charland, director, Bethlehem Youth Court; and Laura Hooper, Bethlehem Central High School senior youth court member.

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$500 to Bethlehem Youth Court of Delmar, NY. The grant will be used to support their court diversion program.

Bethlehem Youth Court will use the grant funding to help support organizational expenses related to the daily operations of the youth focused diversion program, which aims to give first time, low-level offenders a second chance at a clean criminal record. Funding is also earmarked to help cover expenses related to acquiring a new laptop for the program.

Each year, Bethlehem Youth Court diverts low-level, non-violent, youth natured crimes and offenses out of the traditional court system. Participants in the program earn a second chance at a clean criminal record through the completion of community service hours.

In early 2015, The New York Bar Foundation allocated over \$530,000 in grants to 93 programs across New York to assist in:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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