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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$3,500
TO BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Franklin, MA – Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District is pleased to announce a \$3,500 donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation for the lease of a student job site transportation van.

“In our ongoing quest to provide cost-effective services to the thirteen communities in our district and to respond to the specialized training needs of a wide variety of technical career fields, we are pleased to share the trade skills of our students at Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School via projects completed within municipal buildings, public schools, and non-profit organization facilities. However, our ability to transport students to these job sites is imperative. The donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation allows us to provide transportation of our students to these job sites,” cites Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick.

According to Thomas Venables, Chairman of the Board of Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable foundation, “Support for Blackstone Valley Tech’s van is key to the Foundation’s goal of enhancing our youths’ education by the extension of on-the-job training. The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation provides funding support to charitable causes and community development activities in the areas served by Benjamin Franklin Bank. Our foundation promotes, education, health, human services and community development.”

The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation serves the communities of Bellingham, Blackstone, Foxboro, Franklin, Hopedale, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Newton, Norfolk Waltham and Wrentham. For information about the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, please contact Mariane E. Broadhurst at: (508) 520-8003 or by email at: mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com.

Pictured are: from left Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District and Thomas R. Venables, President & CEO of Benjamin Franklin Bank and Chairman of the Board of Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable foundation.