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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES MORE THAN \$300,000 TO FOXBORO CAUSES**

Franklin, MA - The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce 2007 donations totaling more than \$300,000 in support of Foxboro charitable causes. The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, endowed with a generous gift from Benjamin Franklin Bancorp, provides funding to support charitable causes and community development activities in the communities served by Benjamin Franklin Bank. The Foundation has contributed over \$604,000 to charitable causes since it was established in 2005.

In Foxboro the Foundation contributed \$300,000 to the Hockomock Area YMCA, as well as generously supporting Foxboro area organizations such as the Lions Club, the Kennedy-Donovan Center, United Way of Foxboro, Foxboro High School scholarship programs, and Foxboro Youth sports teams.

According to Thomas R. Venables, Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation President, “the Foundation looks forward to supporting deserving organizations and efforts in our communities. The Foundation is committed to participating as a good corporate citizen to improve the quality of life in our communities.”

In addition to traditional community contributions, the Charitable Foundation is chartered to focus support in four primary areas: education, health and human services, youth programs and community development in communities served by Benjamin Franklin Bank.

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