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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES
\$3,000 TO HESSCO ELDER SERVICES**

Sharon, MA – Mary Jean McDermott, Executive Director of Health and Social Services Consortium, Inc. (HESSCO Elder Services) is pleased to announce a \$3,000 donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation.

HESSCO Elder Services assists seniors in the communities of Foxboro, Medfield, Millis, Norfolk, and Wrentham as well as Canton, Dedham, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Walpole and Westwood.

“HESSCO Elder Services is a non-profit organization that provides elders with financial advice and in-home services so they can continue to live independently,” said McDermott. “This generous donation from Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation ties in with our belief that elder care should be supported by private and public resources. We are elated that Benjamin Franklin Foundation chooses to support us,” she added.

“Our organization depends on volunteers who coordinate medical transportation and health insurance counseling for the 12 towns we serve in the local area. Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation is helping to ensure that we can continue our community work, which means so much to elders and their families,” McDermott noted.

According to Thomas Venables, Chairman of the Board of Benjamin Franklin Charitable Foundation, “The Benjamin Franklin 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.”

“HESSCO Elder Services relies on volunteers from our communities and develops programs that benefit local seniors. We understand that elder care should be accessible to anyone regardless of their income, and are proud that our support can help to ensure this agency’s continued success,” Venables added.

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) 528-7000 x360 or by email at: mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com.

