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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$14,500 TO NEWTON CAUSES**

Franklin, MA - The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce 2007 donations totaling \$14,500 in support of Newton area charitable causes. In 2007 the Foundation contributed more than \$300,000 to local communities and has contributed over \$604,000 to charitable causes since it was established in 2005. 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.

In Newton the Foundation contributed \$5,000 to the Price Center, \$2,500 to the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School, as well as generously supporting the West Suburban YMCA, United Way of Newton, a scholarship for a Newton North High School graduate, and Newton 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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