



Pictured left to right: John Peacock, Executive Director, Waltham Tourism Council; Jerry Walker, Member Waltham School Committee; John Sergi, Benjamin Franklin Bank, Vice President, Commercial Lending; Dianne Hudson, Stonehurst The Robert Treat Paire Estate; Louise Butler, The Waltham Museum; Diane LeBlanc, Regional Administrator, National Archives; Zepur Kahwajian, Benjamin Franklin Bank, Assistant Vice President, Community Banking Officer; Tom Venables, Benjamin Franklin Bank, President & CEO.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$8,750.00 TO HISTORIC WALTHAM, INC.'S CHILDREN'S ESSAY CONTEST

Waltham, Franklin, MA - Louise Butler of The Waltham Museum accepts an \$8,750.00 grant from Thomas R. Venables to Historic Waltham, Inc.'s Second Annual Essay Contest for Waltham's Children.

According to Thomas R. Venables, President of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, "The Foundation focuses on four primary areas: education, health and human services, youth programs and community development. The Historic Waltham Essay Contest for Children provides both a cultural and educational outlet for the community. We are happy to be able to assist in this valuable community resource."

The contest is intended to encourage Waltham's children to explore local history and learn how Waltham's history is an important part of our Nation's history. The timing is such to encourage kids and families to visit the City's treasures during the summer months. A special effort will be made to reach low income/underserved children by working with the Waltham Boys and Girls Club and the local YMCA to promote the contest.

The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable 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.