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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$50,000 TO WALTHAM CAUSES

Franklin, MA - The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce 2007 donations totaling \$50,000 in support of Waltham 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 Waltham the Foundation contributed to area causes including the William F. Stanley Elementary School Playground, the Plympton School RIF Program, the Waltham Arts Council, the United Way of Waltham, YMCA Reach out Campaign, Waltham High School scholarships, as well as generously supporting Waltham 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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