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Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation Donates To YMCA



Franklin, MA - Ed Hurley, President of the Hockomock Area YMCA, is pleased to announce a \$10,000 donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, in the form of a dinner sponsorship at the first annual Legends Ball. The event, held on November 14, 2006, raised over \$30,000 for the YMCA's Integration Initiative, which provides programming opportunities for special needs children. Hurley attributes this resounding fundraising success to the organization's generous sponsors and says that he especially appreciates the "dedication and support of folks like those at the Benjamin Franklin Bank."

The black tie affair, held at Christina's in Foxboro, MA, featured a chance to dine with New England sports legends, as well as live and silent auctions. "The Integration Initiative is a great example of the kind of community-enhancing project that the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation is honored to help fund," said Thomas R. Venables, President of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation. Venables added that he was "impressed by the YMCA's commitment to include all children in their programming, regardless of their abilities."

The Integration Initiative was inspired by a YMCA member's determination that opportunities for integration between special needs children and their peers go beyond the schoolyard. Hurley is proud of the program, which is available at all four Hockomock Area YMCA branches, and says it's "had a positive impact on the all of the families participating."

Over 180 people attended the festivities, among them athletic luminaries such as Gino Cappelletti, Tim Fox, Russ Francis, Steve Grogan, John Hannah, Roland James, Steve King and Bill Lenkaitis as well as former Patriots offensive lineman, and Event Chairman, Peter Brock.

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.