



Pictured from left to right, Tom Moretti, AVP, Community Banking Officer of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Foxborough Branch, James Downs, Executive Director Hockomock YMCA, Thomas R. Venables, President & CEO of Benjamin Franklin Bank & Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Foundation, Ed Hurley, President of the Hockomock YMCA, Mariane Broadhurst, SVP/Retail Banking of Benjamin Franklin Bank and children from the Foxboro Branch YMCA Children's Center.

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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
DONATES \$300,000 TO FOXBORO YMCA**

Franklin, MA – Ed Hurley, President of the Hockomock Area YMCA, is pleased to announce a \$300,000 donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation to the YMCA's Foxboro Branch Capital Campaign. The primary goal of the campaign is to renovate and expand the facility, making the YMCA's programs and services available to more people. "We are proud to have earned the generous support of a community partner like the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation," says Hurley.

In appreciation of the Foundation's generosity, a room in the newly expanded building will be named in its honor. The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation Community Room will be "a truly multipurpose space used for a variety of activities, meetings and events including family and youth programming," says Hurley, adding, "it seems fitting to name our new Community Room in honor of a bank, and its associated charitable foundation, that does so much for the local community."

The mission of the Foundation is to support charitable causes and community development projects in the areas served by the bank. "We feel strongly about helping the

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YMCA be a positive force and believe that they greatly enrich the communities that they serve,” says Thomas R. Venables, Chairman of the Board of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation.

“The Foundation has a history of supporting the Hockomock Area YMCA, dating back to 1994,” notes Venables, adding, “we believe in what they do.” The YMCA has been the beneficiary of over \$15,000 in funding from the Foundation in recent years.

The Hockomock Area YMCA has four branches - Franklin, Mansfield, Foxboro and North Attleboro - and a total of nearly 30,000 members. The organization is committed to providing quality programming that positively impacts the surrounding communities. The Foxboro branch opened its doors in 2002, and currently has 4,300 members.

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. As part of an ongoing expansion, Benjamin Franklin Bank will be opening a new branch in Watertown in the near future. For information about the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, please contact Mariane Broadhurst at: (508) 520-8003 or by email at: mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com.