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# Eastern Bank Grants \$800,000 to 49 Massachusetts Nonprofits

March 29, 2009 — Eastern Bank announced that it recently granted \$800,000 to 49 Massachusetts nonprofit organizations, from the Merrimack Valley to Cape Cod, including six organizations that received “surprise” grants allocated for home foreclosure prevention programs.

Each of the 49 organizations received a grant of \$10,000 or more from the **Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation**.

Among the organizations receiving grants were six that received grants of at least \$10,000 each to support programs aimed at home foreclosure prevention. They were:

- Citizens Housing and Planning Association, Boston – \$20,000
- Coalition for a Better Acre, Lowell – \$10,000
- ESAC, Jamaica Plain – \$10,000
- Homeowner Options for Massachusetts Elders, Braintree – \$10,000
- Housing Assistance Corp., Hyannis – \$10,000
- **Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, Boston – \$10,000**

Unlike the other 43 recipients, these six organizations did not apply to the foundation for grants. Instead, the organizations were selected because of their successful track record in the area of foreclosure prevention, the bank said.

The grants were among the more than \$2.4 million donated last year to hundreds of organizations by the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. In five years, the Community Quarterback program has honored more than 200 organizations with \$3.5 million in grants.

Eastern Bank chairman and CEO Richard E. Holbrook and football legend Doug Flutie, the bank’s spokesman, honored the organizations before more than 100 guests at University of Massachusetts Boston, which was one of the organizations recognized during the event.

Each Community Quarterback recipient honored at this year’s ceremony received a Community Quarterback football autographed by Flutie, celebrating and symbolizing its leadership.

“Eastern Bank works hard to truly understand the needs of its communities, especially in the non-profit arena,” said Holbrook. “Organizations, such as the ones we honored today, are vital to improving the quality of life in our cities and towns. These Community Quarterbacks demonstrate leadership and commitment – which is particularly critical during challenging times – and are an inspiration to us all.”

“I’m proud to partner with Eastern Bank because of its longstanding commitment to putting its communities and people first,” said Flutie. “It’s been an honor over the last five years to work with Rich Holbrook on the Community Quarterback event, which has quickly become a staple on the state’s charitable events calendar.”

Also receiving grants were the following organizations:

- Masconomet Inc., Topsfield – \$10,000
- American Cancer Society, Weston – \$25,000
- Bass River, Inc., Beverly – \$10,000
- Bay Cove Human Services, Boston – \$10,000
- Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition, Beverly – \$10,000
- Beverly Children’s Learning Center, Beverly – \$10,000
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, Boston – \$10,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod., Mashpee – \$15,000
- Chelsea Collaborative, Inc., Chelsea – \$10,000
- Chelsea Police Department, Chelsea – \$10,000
- Chelsea Restoration Corporation, Chelsea – \$25,000
- Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc., Peabody – \$10,000

- Crittenton Women's Union, Boston – \$10,000
- Enable, Inc., Canton – \$26,000
- Falmouth Service Center, Inc., Falmouth – \$20,000
- Greater Boston Food Bank, Boston – \$25,000
- Habitat for Humanity North Shore, Lynn – \$10,000
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Carver – \$10,000
- Health & Education Services, Inc., Beverly – \$10,000
- Horizons for Homeless Children, Roxbury – \$10,000
- Immigrant Learning Center, Inc., Malden – \$10,000
- Jewish Rehabilitation Centers for Living, Swampscott – \$25,000
- Lowell Small Business Assistance Center – Community Teamwork, Lowell – \$16,824
- Massachusetts Audubon Society, Canton – \$25,000
- Massachusetts Youth Committed to Winning, Inc., Roxbury – \$10,000
- Melrose YMCA, Melrose – \$10,000
- North Shore Community College Foundation, Danvers – \$25,000
- Project Bread, East Boston – \$10,000
- Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corp., Boston – \$10,000
- Saugus Family YMCA, Saugus – \$10,000
- South Shore Conservatory, Hingham – \$10,000
- South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy – \$15,000
- South Shore YMCA, Quincy – \$100,000
- Special Olympics Massachusetts, Danvers – \$10,000
- Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc., Boston – \$10,000
- Toward Independent Living and Learning, Dedham – \$10,000
- United Teen Equality Center, Lowell – \$10,000
- University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston – \$15,000
- Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, Lowell – \$35,000
- Wediko Children's Services, Boston – \$15,000
- Wellspring House, Inc., Gloucester – \$10,000
- Winchester Hospital, Winchester – \$50,000
- YWCA, Boston – \$10,000

primary focus of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation is to support local organizations that provide basic human services to residents of eastern Massachusetts. Grant recipients generally provide services in the following areas: affordable housing, homelessness prevention, job readiness, family and children, human services, and community healthcare.

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