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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2016
COMMUNITY GRANTS**

BOSTON, Dec. 14, 2016 --Many recipients will receive gifts this year through the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Charitable Foundation during its annual year-end community grant season. The 37 grants in 2016 total \$155,000, a record annual dollar amount. The foundation has now provided gifts totaling \$2.2 million over its 20-year history.

The foundation, supported by the 155 member banks of the MBA throughout Massachusetts and New England, is distributing the grants over eight geographic regions in Massachusetts, giving awards to deserving social service agencies.

"We feel a small measure of pride once again to be able to help these deserving nonprofits," said Charles P. O'Brien, chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation and president and CEO of Adams Community Bank. "Yet we are still humbled by the realization that there is so much need across the Commonwealth. That's why each year, we rededicate ourselves to this effort to help in any way we can."

The recipients, the grants, and the award schedules follow:

2016 AWARD WINNERS**Group I****Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Inc.**

885 Washington Street

Boston, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Chelsea Collaborative, Inc.

318 Broadway

Chelsea, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Jordan Boys & Girls Club

30 Willow Street
Chelsea, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Group II

Arlington Boys & Girls Club

60 Pond Lane

Arlington, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Bethany Hill Place

89 Bethany Road

Framingham, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Family Promise MetroWest

13 Common Street

Natick, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Somerville Homeless Coalition, Inc.

One Davis Square

Somerville, Mass.

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Boston, 9:30 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Group III

Community Action, Inc.

3 Washington Square

Haverhill, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Haverhill, 1 p.m.

L'Arche

53 Wingate Street, 1st Level

Haverhill, MA

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Haverhill, 1:45 p.m.

1st Lt. Derek Hines Soldiers Assistance Fund

54 Ferry Road

Newburyport, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Newburyport, Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, 63 State Street, 2:45 p.m.

Group IV

Father Bill's & Mainspring

430 Belmont Street

Brockton, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 20, Brockton, 9 a.m.

Hand Delivered Hope

141 Village Road

East Bridgewater, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 20, East Bridgewater, 10:15 a.m.

The Arc of South Norfolk

789 Clapboardtree Street

Westwood, Mass.

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 21, Westwood, 4 p.m.

Group V

Thomas Chew Memorial Boys & Girls Club of Fall River

803 Bedford Street

Fall River, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 20, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

Immigrant's Assistance Center, Inc.

58 Crapo Street

New Bedford, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 20, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

The Greater Fall River Community Food Pantry

228 North Main Street

Fall River, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 20, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

Group VI**Boys & Girls Club of Worcester**

65 Tainter Street

Worcester, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Habitat for Humanity North Central MA

138 Great Road

Acton, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

YWCA of Worcester

One Salem Square

Worcester, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 15, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Group VII**Cooley-Dickinson Hospital – Opioid Task Force**

Elm Street, P.O. Box 329

Northampton, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Homeward Vets, Inc.

166 First Avenue

Ludlow, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, Ludlow, 9:45 a.m.

The Literacy Project/Ware Adult Learning Center, Inc.

15 Bank Row, Suite C

Greenfield, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Group VIII**IS183Art School of the Berkshires**

P.O. Box 1400

Stockbridge, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Louison House

149 Church Street

Adams, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

WAM Theatre

440 Spring Street

Lee, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

In addition to the 25 primary award recipients, 12 nonprofits are receiving \$2,500

“Honorable Mention” awards from theMBA Charitable Foundation:

Group I

Rotary Club of Quincy Charitable Foundation

27 Glendale Road

Quincy, Mass.

\$2,500

Group II

Birthday Wishes, Inc.

11 Homer Street

Newton, Mass.

\$2,500

Community Art Center, Inc.

119 Windsor Street

Cambridge, Mass.

\$2,500

Food for Free

11 Inman Street

Cambridge, Mass.

\$2,500

Springwell, Inc.

307 Waverly Oaks Road

Waltham, Mass.

\$2,500

Group III

Lawrence Boys & Girls Club

136 Water Street

Lawrence, Mass.

\$2,500

C.O.R.S.E.

P.O. Box 512

North Scituate, Mass.

\$2,500

Group VI

Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Road

Sturbridge, Mass.

\$2,500

Working for Worcester

1 College Street

Worcester, Mass.

\$2,500

Group VII

Hampshire Regional YMCA

286 Prospect Street

Northampton, Mass.

\$2,500

YMCA of Greater Springfield

275 Chestnut Street

Springfield, Mass.

\$2,500

Group VIII

Berkshire Community Action Council

1531 East Street

Pittsfield, Mass.
\$2,500

The Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation awards are symbolic of the many individual donations banks make on a regular basis to organizations and causes in their local communities. In addition to the nearly \$63 million a year given by Massachusetts banks to local charities, MBA member bank employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours across the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 155 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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Media Note: Reporters are invited to attend all of the scheduled award ceremonies.

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