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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECORD
2017 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

BOSTON, Dec. 7, 2017 --The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) announced today that the MBA Charitable Foundation has set new records in its annual year-end community grant season. The 43 grants in 2017 total \$167,000, a record number and a record annual dollar amount. The foundation has now provided gifts totaling \$2.3 million over its 21-year history.

The foundation, supported by the 150 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 are thrilled to be able to give these gifts," said William M. Parent, chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation, and president and CEO of Blue Hills Bank. "This foundation has done so much good work over the years, yet each gift-giving season we see more need. That's why each year, we rededicate ourselves to this effort to help in any way we can. This year, in particular, the trustees of the foundation witnessed and met a need to deliver grants to our local Red Cross for the benefit of folks in the hurricane-ravaged locations of greater Houston and Miami, as well as in Puerto Rico."

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

2017 AWARD WINNERS

Group 1
Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)
178 Tremont Street
Boston, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Little Sisters of the Assumption-Project Place

550 Dudley Street

Roxbury, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Thompson Island

5-11 Drydock Avenue

Boston, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Group II

Boys & Girls Club of Medford and Somerville

11 Salem Street, Suite 15

Medford, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Inc.

61 Medford Street

Somerville, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

The Children's Room

1210 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 14, Boston, 9 a.m. at One Washington Mall, 8th Floor, Boston

Group III

Harborlight Community Partners, Inc.

283 Elliot Street

Beverly, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Beverly, 3 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership

67 Middle Street, #501

Lowell, MA

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Lowell, 12 Noon

Veterans Northeast Outreach Center

10 Reed Street

Haverhill, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Haverhill, 1:30 p.m.

Group IV

Collaborative Food Pantry/Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Thomas Moore

55 Commercial Street

Weymouth, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 15, Weymouth, 1:30 p.m.

Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore

11 Thaxter Street

Hingham, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 15, Hingham, 2:15 p.m.

PCO Hope

400 Pleasant Street

East Bridgewater, Mass.

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 15, East Bridgewater, 3:30 p.m.

Group V**Boys & Girls Club of Taunton**

31 Court Street

Taunton, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 19, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

Cape Abilities

895 Mary Dunn Road

Hyannis, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 19, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

Hunger Commission (United Way of Greater New Bedford)

126 Union Street, Suite 105

New Bedford, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, Dec. 19, Westport, 1:30 p.m. at White's of Westport

Group VI**Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester**

11 Distributor Road

Worcester, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Nativity School of Worcester

617 Lincoln Street

Worcester, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Worcester Community Action Council

484 Main Street, 2nd Floor

Worcester, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 13, Marlborough, 10 a.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Group VII**Springfield Boys & Girls Club**

481 Carew Street

Springfield, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, Springfield, 9:30 a.m.

United ARC of Franklin & Hampshire Counties, Inc.

284 Avenue A

Turners Falls, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Womanshelter Companeras

208 Race Street

Holyoke, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, Holyoke, 10:30 a.m.

Group VIII**Childcare of the Berkshires**

210 State Street

North Adams, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Community Health Program

444 Stockbridge Road

Great Barrington, Mass.

\$5,000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, Inc. f/k/a/ Girrls Inc. of the Berkshires
165 East Street
Pittsfield, Mass.
\$5,000
Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., Pittsfield, Country Club of Pittsfield

In addition to the 27 primary award recipients, 16 nonprofits are receiving \$2,000

“Honorable Mention” awards from theMBA Charitable Foundation:

Group I

Camp Harborview
200 Clarendon Street
Boston, Mass.
\$2,000

The Salvation Army
6 Baxter Street
Quincy, Mass.
\$2,000

Group II

Accept Education Collaborative
4 Tech Circle
Natick, Mass.
\$2,000

Daniel's Table
102 Fountain Street
Framingham, Mass.
\$2,000

Group III

Citizen's Inn
81 Main Street
Peabody, Mass.
\$2,000

Our Neighbor's Table
P.O. Box 592
Amesbury, Mass.
\$2,000

Uncommon Threads
60 Island Street
Lawrence, Mass.
\$2,000

Group IV

Dog B.O.N.E.S.
38 Gardner Road
Scituate, Mass.
\$2,000

Friendship Home
458 Main Street
Norwell, Mass.
\$2,000

Group V

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard
79 Beach Street
Vineyard Haven, Mass.
\$2,000

Old Colony Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 100
Attleboro, Mass.
\$2,000

Group VI
Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network
758 Main Street
Leominster, Mass.
\$2,000

The Literacy Project
23 West Main Street, Suite 3
Ware, Mass.
\$2,000

Top Floor Learning
1455 North Main Street
Palmer, Mass.
\$2,000

Group VII
Springfield Rescue Mission
10 Mill Street
Springfield, Mass.
\$2,000

Group VIII
Northern Berkshire United Way
P.O. Box 955
North Adams, Mass.
\$2,000

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 \$84 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 150 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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