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FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS, November 16, 2010 ... Wayne A. Cottle, president of Dean Bank, announced today that Dean Bank will once again be sponsoring various food, coat & toy drives to benefit families in need in each town the bank has branches in. As a community bank, Dean Bank is committed to helping local individuals and families live a better life. For many, that simply means having a holiday meal, a warm coat for the cold winter months or being able to watch their children open Christmas presents this year.

Dean Bank's Franklin branch is collecting food and cash donations for the Franklin Food Pantry, which benefits local residents throughout the year, as well as food pantries in Franklin and 14 surrounding towns including Blackstone, Bellingham and Mendon. In conjunction with the Friends of Franklin, the Main Office is also collecting gifts and toys for children in Franklin. Gift tag "Angels" that include the child's name, age and wish will be displayed on a tree in the lobby for customers and the public to take. Dean Bank asks that those purchasing a gift; wrap it and return it to their 21 Main St. branch along with the tag no later than Wednesday, December 15th at 4:00pm. Gifts will be delivered by the Friends of Franklin staff.

Their Blackstone branch is working once again with the Blackstone Fire Department, collecting gifts for local children and families in need. A giving tree in the branch lobby will have tags containing specific gift requests made by children from the area. Customers and visitors to the branch are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the gift(s), and return the wrapped gift(s) with the tag to the Blackstone branch located at 8 Main Street by Thursday, December 16th at 4:00pm. The Blackstone Fire Department will distribute the gifts at that time.

Dean Bank's Bellingham branch is working once again in conjunction with Saint Blaise Church's Christmas Adopt a Child Program, collecting gifts for local children in need. A giving tree will be displayed in the branch lobby with tags holding specific gift requests for local children. Customers and residents are encouraged to take a tag(s), purchase the gift(s), and return them unwrapped with the tag and wrapping paper to Dean Bank at 411 Pulaski Boulevard by Friday, December 10th at 4:00pm. Saint Blaise Church will then distribute the gifts.

Finally, Dean Bank's Mendon branch is working with the One Warm Coat Charity, assisting with a winter coat drive. Customers and residents are invited to bring in either new or gently used coats to Dean Bank's 32 Hastings St. Mendon office beginning on November 29th and continuing through December 31st. The coats will then be distributed to those in need.

Dean Bank, founded in 1889, is a Massachusetts state-chartered, mutually owned institution with assets in excess of \$200 million. The bank has offices located in Franklin, Blackstone, Bellingham, and Mendon. As a member of both the FDIC and the SIF, the bank's deposits are insured in full.

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