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FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS, November 23, 2011 ... Wayne Cottle, President and CEO of Dean Bank announced today that Dean Bank's Main Office branch, located at 21 Main St. in Downtown Franklin will again be getting into the Holiday Spirit this year with charitable activities and a Holiday visit from Santa Claus.

Dean Bank's Main Office branch has once again partnered with the *Friends of Franklin*, a charitable organization that began 32 years ago by local resident Priscilla Cornetta, helping 8 local families. The organization has since grown to assist more than 200 less fortunate or economically struggling Franklin families who have more than 400 children, many of them newborns. This Holiday Season Dean Bank will again serve as both a pickup and drop-off location for the *Friends of Franklin* "Angels" program.

On Friday, November 25th, Dean Bank employees will decorate a tree with both traditional ornaments, as well as more than 100 "Angels". These Angels contain information about a child from one of approximately 60 families that Dean Bank hopes to help. On the back of each Angel, information about a child is provided; including the age and sex of the child, clothing size and one Holiday gift wish. Anyone wishing to assist may visit the branch, pick an Angel from the tree and purchase a gift or gifts to help. Gifts must be returned to Dean Bank by no later than December 12th with the Angel taped to the packaging. Gifts may be wrapped; however, more than 100 Friends of Franklin volunteers host an annual wrapping-party for those gifts that are not wrapped, just prior to gift delivery.

Dean Bank has also announced that Santa Claus will once again be making an appearance at the Bank's main office, 21 Main Street, for the benefit of all area children. Children & parents that want to get their final Christmas requests in to Santa may do so from 12 – 5 pm on the afternoon of Friday, December 23rd. Complimentary refreshments will be served, including coffee for the parents and milk and cookies for the children. The public is most welcome to attend. Santa will gladly hear the children's requests and parents are invited to bring their cameras for a photo opportunity as well. For further details you may visit www.deanbank.com or email them at info@deanbank.com.

Dean Bank, founded in 1889, is a Massachusetts state-chartered, mutually owned institution with assets in excess of \$225 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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