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FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS, November 23, 2009 ... Wayne A. Cottle, president of Dean Bank, announced today that Dean Bank will once again be sponsoring a Food & Toy Drive 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 or being able to watch their children open Christmas presents this year.

The Bank's Main Office in Franklin is collecting food and cash donations for the Franklin Food Pantry, which benefits local residents and 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 with a child's name, age and "wish" will be displayed on a tree in the lobby for people to take. Gifts must be returned wrapped to the Main Office by Friday, December 11th.

Dean Bank's Blackstone branch is working in conjunction with the Blackstone Fire Department to collect gifts for local children in need. A giving tree in the branch lobby has tags with specific gift requests for local children. Customers and residents are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the gift(s), and return the wrapped gift(s) with the tag to the Blackstone branch at 8 Main Street by Thursday, December 17th at 4:00pm. The Blackstone Fire Department will distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

Dean Bank's Bellingham branch is working in conjunction with Saint Blais Church's Christmas Adopt a Child Program to collect gifts for local children in need. A giving tree in the branch lobby has tags with specific gift requests for local children. Customers and residents are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the gift(s), and return the unwrapped gift(s) with the tag and wrapping paper to Dean Bank at 411 Pulaski Boulevard by Tuesday, December 8th at 4:00pm. Saint Blais Church will distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

Dean Bank's Mendon Branch is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Mendon Food Pantry. Donations of food, health & beauty, paper goods and cleaning products can be dropped off at Dean Bank's Mendon Branch, located at 32 Hastings Street in the Country Hill Plaza, by Thursday, December 17, 2009. Dean Bank's Mendon branch customers will receive a raffle entry for each donation. One winner will be chosen at random and awarded 5,000 Bonus Points in Dean Bank's Rewards program.

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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