

**THE WEBSTER FIVE FOUNDATION DONATES \$5,000 TO
NEIGHBORWORKS HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER OF WORCESTER.**

The funds will help support counseling and education for homeowners.

WEBSTER, MA – February 9, 2011 – The Webster Five Foundation, a charitable organization founded by Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, announced today that it will donate \$5,000 to NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center of Worcester. The funds will help expand counseling and education to current and prospective homeowners in Worcester County.

The NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center of Worcester (HOCW) program provides innovative, full-spectrum homeownership support to Worcester County residents. A program of Oak Hill Community Development Corporation, the center was founded through a collaboration of several agencies and is supported at the city, state and federal levels to offer residents pre-and post-purchase homeowner services.

Since the dramatic increase of homeowners seeking education and foreclosure prevention services over the past two years, HOCW has been at the forefront of delivering vital and comprehensive housing education and counseling. HOCW provides pre-purchase counseling and homebuyer education classes which are critical tools that prepare borrowers for the responsibilities and realities of home ownership.

“We are pleased to have the support of The Webster Five Foundation,” said Miguel Rivera, the Director of NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center of Worcester. “This donation will help provide critical education and counseling support to families interested in purchasing a home, as well as those experiencing hardship and mortgage delinquency.”

Richard T. Leahy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, commented, “As a financial institution offering mortgages, we believe in the NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center of Worcester and its purpose.”

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