

**WEBSTER FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK DONATES \$1,500 TO
THE WORCESTER YOUTH CENTER**

The funds will support the Basic Skills Program

WEBSTER, MA – January 19, 2010 – The Webster Five Foundation, a charitable organization founded by Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, announced today that it will donate \$1,500 to the Worcester Youth Center. The funds will support the Basic Skills Program, a special program that helps prepare out-of-school young adults for a General Education Equivalency (GED) diploma.

Young adults who do not pass the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) need the basic skills of mathematics, reading comprehension, language, and spelling, but can rarely find a program to help them learn those skills. The Worcester Youth Center (WYC) not only teaches these skills, but also allows young adults to move at their own pace to ensure the material is truly understood. Since there are only 10 students in the program, each young adult receives one-on-one attention from the teacher.

The students, who are ages 16 to 24, enjoy coming to the WYC to learn these fundamental skills. Recently renovated due to a near devastating flood, the WYC has an atmosphere that is positive and welcoming. Students are motivated to learn and to acquire the skills that will help them gain employment.

Richard T. Leahy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, commented, “We are proud to donate to such a worthy cause. Helping young adults gain the basic skills to be successful for the future is a program in which we are pleased to be involved.”

“We are delighted that the Webster Five Foundation is supporting our program,” said Hilda Ramirez, Executive Director, Worcester Youth Center. “This donation will ensure that we have the appropriate materials, workbooks, and compensation for teachers to keep this essential program in place for our students.”

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