

**WEBSTER FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK DONATES \$4,000 TO
THE HENRY LEE WILLIS CENTER.**

The funds will support the Starting Point Program Facility

WEBSTER, MA – February 22, 2010 – The Webster Five Foundation, a charitable organization founded by Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, announced today that it will donate \$4,000 to the Henry Lee Willis Center. The funds will support the Starting Point Program Facility, a supportive long-term group home for young men ages 11 to 17 who need a safe haven.

The Starting Point Program is operated within the Willis Center—a social services and human resources program for the public, including substance abuse recovery, shelter and housing, adolescent residential care, and developmental services. The Starting Point Program provides a safe, supportive, and home-like atmosphere to 18 young men who have been removed from their homes by the state, due to issues such as physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.

In this program, each young man is assigned a mentor and participates in specialized treatment. What is most important about the program, however, is that these young men experience for the first time what a normal home-life would be like, in a nurturing and safe environment. Each young man is taught the skills of how to live independently and therefore has responsibilities and chores within the house, such as cooking and cleaning. They also are encouraged to open bank accounts, get driver's licenses, and participate together in fun activities, including fishing and trips to museums.

Richard T. Leahy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, commented, “We are proud to support an organization that provides a safe and nurturing place for these young men to grow and transition back into appropriate homes and lifestyles. Providing young men with these essential skills is important, and we are glad to be a part of it.”

“This donation from Webster Five is greatly appreciated,” said Carlton Watson, President of the Willis Center. “It will allow us to purchase new bed frames and mattresses, bureaus, and sofas for the young men's sleeping and common areas. With these items, they can go to sleep at night with a greater sense of self-esteem—and with pride in themselves and their home.”

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