

**WEBSTER FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK DONATES \$4,000 TO  
OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE.**

*The funds will support the Educational Outreach Project.*

WEBSTER, MA – August 20, 2009 – The Webster Five Foundation, a charitable organization founded by Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, announced today that it will donate \$4,000 to the Old Sturbridge Village. The donation will help fund the museum’s Educational Outreach Project, a program that provides under-served schoolchildren in Worcester with access to the museum regardless of the school’s economic status.

Old Sturbridge Village is one of the country’s oldest living history museums, and is the largest in New England, with 50 restored antique buildings – farmhouses, churches, working mills, and more – on 200 acres of fields and woods. Famous for its staff of costumed historic interpreters and heritage breed animals, Old Sturbridge Village re-creates life in a working farm village from 1790 to 1840, and has been a favorite destination for millions of schoolchildren for more than 60 years.

One-third of Old Sturbridge Village visitors are students on school-sponsored trips. The Educational Outreach Project ensures that lower-income area schools will be able to attend the museum despite monetary restrictions. Students who attend the museum enjoy all the educational and interactive activities the Village offers, including hearth cooking, printing, weaving, and bookbinding. As part of this three-phase outreach program, schoolteachers also receive a series of lesson-planning materials to help prepare students for their visit, as well as follow-up in-class activities to help continue the learning experience.

Richard T. Leahy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, commented, “We are pleased to support the Old Sturbridge Village Educational Outreach Project. Helping students from all neighborhoods and schools experience the museum and New England’s past is important.”

“At Old Sturbridge Village, we have learned that when children learn by doing things firsthand, they remember the experience far longer. That’s why we give students a chance to experience milking a cow, writing with a quill pen, cooking over the hearth, spinning, weaving, and trying on vintage clothing,” said Ed Hood, Old Sturbridge Village Vice President of Museum Program. “We are grateful to The Webster Five Foundation for helping to fund our Educational Outreach Program at a time when so many schools are facing budget cuts.”

For more information, contact Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, Marketing Department