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Provident Community Foundation helps enhance Portsmouth Museum

AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, August 27, 2009 ... The Provident Community Foundation has awarded \$2,500 to the new Portsmouth Museum of Fine Art to support its efforts to bring the arts to the forefront of the community.

According to Charlie Cullen, Provident Bank president and CEO, the donation will be used to provide art for exhibit and toward the purchase of a visual art display and security alarm system and a multi-lingual audio tour system.

“The Museum’s mission of enriching the arts culture in the region and promoting the advancement of American contemporary art enhances creative exploration and opportunities in the community,” said Cullen. “It is a valuable goal, which we are pleased to support.”

The Provident Community Foundation is a permanent expression and confirmation of the values of The Provident Bank, a mutual financial institution which operates solely for the benefit of its customers and the communities it serves. The Foundation has provided over \$3 million in grants to local community organizations since its inception in 1997.

The Provident Bank, established in 1828, is based in Amesbury, Massachusetts with seven full-service locations in Amesbury and Newburyport, Massachusetts, and Exeter, Portsmouth, and Seabrook, New Hampshire. A new branch will open soon in Hampton, New Hampshire.

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PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM OF FINE ART RECEIVES \$2,500 –
Pictured (left to right): Erika Pagel-Boedecker, secretary of the board,
Portsmouth Museum of Fine Art; Sandra Pagel, board member; Ruthie Tredwell,
CEO, curator and founder; Anne Lapointe, AVP, branch manager, The Provident
Bank; Nina Cutts, VP, commercial lending; Steve Scott, VP, commercial lending.