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MARTHA'S VINEYARD SAVINGS BANK CHARITABLE FUND SUPPORTS ISLANDERS

Edgartown, MA – During the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund's final meeting in 2009, \$15,000 in grants was awarded to 10 community groups and local nonprofit organizations. "We are committed to our community through the financial services we provide but also through the resources we are able to contribute to the people and organizations that truly make a difference in the quality of life in our area," said Chris Wells, President of the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank. "Although 2009 was a challenging year, the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund is pleased to have been able to distribute more than \$81,000 in grants to 27 Island organizations."

The 10 organizations receiving funding from the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund in its winter grant cycle included the American Red Cross, the Aquinnah Cultural Center, Boy Scouts of Martha's Vineyard, Island Theatre Workshop, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Close-Up Program, PAWS, Rising Tide Therapeutic Riding Center, Vineyard Conservation Society, the Vineyard Playhouse and Vineyard Village at Home.

Since 2006, the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund has been a part of the Permanent Endowment Fund, the Island's community foundation. The Charitable Fund is the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank's primary source of philanthropic support for nonprofit and community service organizations throughout the Island and reviews grant requests quarterly. The Bank offers a wide array of financial services through its eight branch locations and eleven ATMs located throughout the Island and Woods Hole. In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Financial Group's investment specialists provide trust and fiduciary services, discretionary asset management and tax and estate planning services. More information about the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund and its community grants program is available online at mvbank.com.