



Martha's Vineyard

SAVINGS BANK

"Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything."
- **Walt Whitman**

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD SAVINGS BANK CHARITABLE FUND CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The people of the Vineyard communities have a long tradition of taking care of their neighbors – whether it be a harvest dinner to support a family in need or a summertime gala supporting the mission of an entire organization – they're a philanthropic force that is as unique as it is integral to who we are as Vineyarders. Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank also has a proud history of supporting our communities, something that's been part of our culture since we opened our doors over 100 years ago.

Early in 2010 we recognized that the normally resilient Vineyard economy was facing some challenges to a robust recovery and as such there were a number of programs and services that are vital to our communities but reliant on support, which might be in jeopardy. With this in mind, the Bank re-affirmed its commitment to ensure that crucial social economic and cultural needs are met across our communities. Last year, the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank and its namesake Charitable Fund awarded over \$362,000 to support over 200 initiatives and programs that were believed to be critical to sustaining the basic needs of our Vineyard neighbors. The Bank's employees also gave countless hours of their time, energy and personal resources to better the many communities we serve. We also remained committed to supporting programs that provide for better education, and more exposure to our local arts and culture. New in 2010 were educational mini-grants, a grant program that supports learning initiatives in our local area elementary, middle, and high schools.

While it would be nice to have a crystal ball for predicting what 2011 will bring, but this marvel is unavailable, so we will continue to seek ways to support and improve the quality of life for our neighbors during all economies. The Fund will continue to match personal force with charity as it has in the past. Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank, its employees, and the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund are proud and honored to grant this significant investment into our communities, and we are all privileged and committed to making a difference each year, no matter the state of the economy.

Patti Leighton
Chairman