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Martha's Vineyard Bank and the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund Awards \$15,000 in Grants and Donations to Area Nonprofits

Edgartown, MA – Martha's Vineyard Bank announced today that the Martha's Vineyard Bank and the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund have awarded \$15,000 in their third quarter cycles to non-profits on Island and in the surrounding area.

The Grants Committee meets quarterly and is committed to the betterment of our community in the areas of Education, Economic Development, Health & Human Services, Culture, Art & Historic Heritage, and Community Services. The five organizations chosen for this quarter provide vital services in these segments and they are:

1. **NoticeAbility**, led by Dean Bragonier and operating under the mantra that "NoticeAbility = No Disability" and "Dyslexic Before it was Cool" – helps empower afflicted students with a tailored enrichment curricula. Its leadership believes that, "Once students come to recognize their strengths, they are more inclined to embrace their educational experience and fulfill their personal and professional potential."
2. **Mass Audubon-Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary** for its Youth Climate Change initiative, as our young people are the future protectors of the planet. Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary safeguards local habitats and wildlife, and the Martha's Vineyard landscape.
3. **Featherstone Center for the Arts** for a collaborative effort with the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, The Martha's Vineyard Commission, Siedman Investment Portfolios, and The Featherstone Center for the Arts for the VIBE Business Accelerator Program, which is a progression of the "Mentor" and "Perfect Pitch" programs.
4. **New England Lifeflight (d/b/a Boston Medflight)** for the continuing effort to act as a critical care transport system for patients in need on Martha's Vineyard. This organization helps the "sickest of sick regardless of their ability to pay."
5. **Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society** for standing by its mission that, "Live music should be accessible to all, as it expands creativity, enhances intelligence, and enriches the spirit," according to its web site. These funds are directed to "Project Cello," which has expanded their educational offerings to an underserved population, ensuring that no student is left out of the ability to participate in musical opportunities.

The next deadline for grant applications is November 19, 2019.

“We are so fortunate to be in a position to help those local organizations that help others,” said James Anthony, President & CEO of Martha’s Vineyard Bank. “So many people out there do amazing work and we are honored to be a part of their community efforts.”

Since 2006, the Martha’s Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund is one of the ways that Martha’s Vineyard Bank provides philanthropic support for nonprofit and community service organizations operating throughout the local area. More information about the Martha’s Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Fund and its community grant program is available online at mvbank.com or contact Patti J. Leighton, Community Relations Director at 774-310-2030.

Martha’s Vineyard Bank is a full-service bank headquartered in Edgartown, Massachusetts. Services offered include residential and commercial lending, business and personal banking, trust, and investment services. The Bank operates 11 offices and 15 ATMs on Martha’s Vineyard and in Falmouth. With over a century-long tradition of providing financial services, Martha’s Vineyard Bank reports \$836 million in total assets as of December 31, 2018. Martha’s Vineyard Bank deposits are totally insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Depositor’s Insurance Fund (DIF). Investment services are provided by Martha’s Vineyard Investment Advisors, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Martha’s Vineyard Bank.

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