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### ***REAS Foundation Receives Major Donation***

The Board of Directors of the REAS Foundation is pleased to announce a major donation from Southbridge Savings Bank. Southbridge Savings Bank's generous support of a \$2,500 will help the organizations goal of raising \$20,000 to help assist Sturbridge seniors with energy costs.

The REAS Foundation is the Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors Foundation, and is built upon the belief that the greatness of a community is ultimately judged not so much by the beauty or magnificence of its structures, but rather, by its compassion, contributions, and care for its most vulnerable members. Rising energy costs, which in turn drive the costs of many associated items, coupled with fixed incomes, have placed many of our seniors in difficult and dangerous predicaments. Their incomes are now fast outpaced by escalating energy prices. Choices between fuel, food, and prescriptions medications are becoming all too common for many of our seniors.

“The Board of Trustees and I are happy to help contribute to such a worthwhile organization,” the Bank's president and CEO, Phil Pettinelli, said on offering Southbridge Savings' donation. “Our Bank is committed to helping those in need in the areas that we serve.”

REAS Foundation Executive Director, Thomas Creamer, said, “To date this is the most generous donation our organization has received. The support provided by Southbridge Savings Bank to our senior community has and continues to dramatically change the lives of local seniors.”

If you want to find more information about the REAS Foundation's visit them at [www.REASFoundation.org](http://www.REASFoundation.org). Inquiries may be sent to [info@REASFoundation.org](mailto:info@REASFoundation.org) or to P.O. Box 737, Fiskdale, MA 01518.

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