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Pictured Left to Right: James A. Pervier, Rick Swensen, Jean Vincent, Philip Pettinelli, Mike Cunningham, George Butz, Elaine Kingston, Kathleen Walker, Sheri Bibinski

REAS Foundation-Charlton Chapter Receives Major Donation

The Board of Directors of the REAS Foundation-Charlton Chapter are pleased to announce a major donation from Southbridge Savings Bank. Southbridge Savings Bank's generous support of \$2,000 will help the organizations goal of raising \$15,000 to help assist Charlton 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 Directors 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.”

Chapter Director Elaine Kingston, said, “It is through the support of organizations like Southbridge Savings Bank that help our visions become realities. Donations like these indicate that our efforts thus far are getting the message out and are having an impact.”

If you want to find more information about the REAS Foundation-Charlton Chapter visit them at www.REASFoundation.org/charlton or reach them by calling 508-434-4402.

For more information about Southbridge Savings Bank, call 800-939-9103 or visit them on the web at www.southbridgesavingsbank.com.

