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**Mystic Valley Elder Services Receives Funding
to Help Continue Services During COVID-19**

Starts COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund

(Malden, MA)— With the emergence of the COVID-19 virus, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) continues to create contingency plans for service continuity and has established a COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund so MVES consumers will continue receiving critical assistance such as food, personal care and other essential items on either a short-term or one-time basis..

“Donations to this fund will help provide essential support so that we will have the immediate and substantial resources needed to adjust and continue to operate during these incredibly difficult times for so many,” says Daniel O’Leary, CEO of MVES.

MVES would like to thank the following organizations for their recent generous donations to the fund.

The Boston Foundation presented a \$25,000 general operating support grant to help provide support for MVES’ efforts to support older adults with home meal deliveries and other vital programs such as home care and medication services.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation gave a generous gift of \$10,000 towards this emergency fund. Their funds will make certain MVES has funding needed to provide Meals on Wheels and meet food security needs for more of our vulnerable older adults during the pandemic.

The Savings Bank of Wakefield and Winchester Savings Bank donated gifts of \$3,000 each that will be used towards the MVES’ Money Management Program. This program provides financial

assistance to nearly 100 consumers who are living in our 11 community service area helping them with bill paying, budgeting and banking tasks. Seventy-nine Money Management volunteers service these consumers by helping them with their financial tasks.

Donated goods are also coming in and welcomed. Short Path Distillery in Everett donated 50 bottles of hand sanitizer to MVES for front-line employees.

Generosity to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund will provide the funding MVES needs to cover the costs of urgently needed, unbudgeted resources, including the surge in demand for home-delivered meals and added costs of preparation and delivery, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers.

To support the Mystic Valley Elder Services COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund, you can donate online by visiting mves.org or by sending a check to the attention of Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St, #19, Malden, MA 02148. For more information on the fund, please email development@mves.org

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About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Celebrating 45 Years of giving older adults their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.