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**Reading Cooperative Bank Awards Mystic Valley
Elder Services \$5,000 to its Elder Independence Fund**

(Reading, MA) - The Reading Cooperative Bank recently awarded Mystic Valley Elder Services \$5,000 toward its Elder Independence Fund, a significant resource that offers grants to low-income elders or adults living with disabilities to pay for an urgently needed item or service that helps the individual remain independent.

“We are very grateful to the Reading Cooperative Bank and its generous donation to our Elder Independence Fund,” said Daniel O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. “This donation will be a tremendous help in maintaining the Fund and helping those older adults in need.”

The Elder Independence Fund is used as a last resort to provide community services, purchase essential home care services, and address situations of need for which there is no other government program or charitable resource. In order to maintain this vital resource and insure its continued existence, and its ability to respond to the needs of local older adults and adults living with disabilities, Mystic Valley Elder Services seeks support from funders such as the Reading Cooperative Bank.



The Reading Cooperative Bank recently presented a financial award of \$5,000 to Mystic Valley Elder Services' Elder Independence Fund. Taking part in the award presentation were (from left to right) Reading resident and Mystic Valley Elder Services Board Member Brian Snell; Reading resident and Mystic Valley Elder Services Director of Development Jenny Vanasse; Reading resident and Mystic Valley Elder Services Board Member Bill Hecht, Sr.; and Reading Cooperative Bank President & CEO Julie Thurlow.

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About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. 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.

About Reading Cooperative Bank

Reading Cooperative Bank is a depositor owned co-operative founded in 1886. This community-centric North Shore financial service provider has branches in Reading, Wilmington, North Reading, Andover, and Burlington. They also operate teaching branches at Northeast Metro Tech in Wakefield (open to the public) and at Reading Memorial High School (students and staff only), as well as an online branch at www.readingcoop.com.