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## CLINTON SAVINGS BANK EMPLOYEES DONATE TO THE "BEARS ON BOARD" PROGRAM

(CLINTON, Mass., November 13, 2018)– Clinton Savings Bank (CSB) matched funds raised by employees who donated five dollars each to dress down for a day, resulting in a total contribution of \$1,000 to benefit Bears on Board, Inc. Every quarter, CSB employees are invited to participate in a bank-wide day where employees donate to a predetermined local cause and, in turn, enjoy wearing jeans for the day.

The donation was presented to Jim Pietro, President of Mid-State Insurance Agency and Co-Founder of Bears on Board, Inc. The program provides teddy bears to first responders and social workers to give to children who need comfort during times of crisis. "Working with such community oriented executives as CSB's President & CEO, Bob Paulhus, and Commercial Lender, Dave Harmon, for many years, I was not surprised that they would encourage participation and support of our initiative to help kids, but we are honored that they have contributed so much. We are truly grateful for the sincere commitment of CSB to our community." Pietro shared.

## **About Clinton Savings Bank**

Established in 1851, Clinton Savings Bank is among the oldest mutual community banks in Massachusetts with more than \$596 million in assets and a broad range of financial products for consumers and businesses. Clinton Savings Bank has built a strong reputation in the communities it serves from six full-service branches in Berlin, Bolton, Boylston, Clinton, Sterling and West Boylston. For more information, please visit clintonsavings.com.

## **About Bears on Board**

Bears on Board, Inc. is a non-profit founded by Jim and Paul Pietro in 2002. Bears on Board, Inc., provides teddy bears to police officers, fire fighters, rescue personnel and social workers to give to children in times of crisis. The program has donated over 15,000 bears to the Worcester and various other police and fire departments and several thousand to the Department of Children and Families. Employees volunteer their time to fundraise, "bear-raise", plan special events such as the Teddy Bear Picnic and bag each bear for its journey to help a child in need.



## PHOTO CAPTION FOR GROUP SHOT: (L TO R)

Patricia Deane, Relationship Banker, Clinton Savings Bank

Robert J. Paulhus, Jr., President & CEO, Clinton Savings Bank

James Pietro, CIC, President Mid-State Insurance Agency, Bears on Board Program

Dave Harmon, SVP Commercial Lending, Clinton Savings Bank

Erin Fanning, Teller Supervisor, Clinton Savings Bank