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***Three Bradford-area Community Organizations Receive a Monetary Boost
From Merchants Bank Bradford Office***

BRADFORD, VT –Nancy Fornwalt, Branch President of Merchants Bank’s Bradford office, announced her support of the Boys and Girls Club of Bradford (a unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the White River Valley), the Valley Health Center (VHC) and the historical Old Goshen Church.

Fornwalt presented Jennifer Grossi, District Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Bradford and Max Bryant, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of White River Valley with a \$1,000 check in order to build their program for the year. A \$500 check was designated for VHC. The funds will support medical and dental services for the community, while an \$800 donation was provided to Old Goshen Church to aid in the reinforcement of the building’s crumbling original foundation.

“We are pleased to be able to help these organizations, thereby strengthening our community,” said Fornwalt. “Through these three donations, Merchants Bank will support children, those who need medical services, and help to restore an important historical Vermont landmark.”

The Boys and Girls Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence, creating a positive, safe and fun place to learn and grow. For more information about the Boys and Girls Club of Bradford, please call (802) 222-5900 or visit their offices at 176 Waits River Road in Bradford, VT 05033.

The Valley Health Center, a designated Rural Health Center, has been in continuous operation since its inception in 1954. It is the primary medical care provider for more than 2,000 patients. The primary service area of the VHC is approximately 140 square miles servicing the towns of Corinth, Topsham, Orange, and smaller surrounding villages. For more information about the Valley Health Center, Inc., please call (802) 439-5321, visit their offices at 720 Village Road in East Corinth. You may also visit their website at www.valleyhealthcenter.org.

Founded by a group of residents from Bradford and Newbury, the church building was erected in 1834 in Bradford. Today the Old Goshen Church, a registered historical Vermont landmark, remains virtually unaltered and in the very location which it was built

more than 140 years ago. For more information about the Old Goshen Church, please call the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation in Montpelier at (802) 828-3226.



Jennifer Grossi, District Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Bradford, Nancy Fornwalt, Merchants Bank, Branch President, Bradford, Max Bryant, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of White River Valley

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