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## **Franklin Savings Bank awards fund for community advancement grants**

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Spring and summer projects will now benefit from over \$22,300 awarded by Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) through the Fund for Community Advancement. To date, the FSB Fund has awarded 150 grants totaling over \$767,600 to non-profit community organizations and agencies. Five local groups will be benefiting from this round of grants:

### **Copper Cannon Camp**

Copper Cannon Camp provides underprivileged kids with an unforgettable experience that includes all the traditional fun of summer camp: swimming, hiking, archery, campfires, team building fun, and more. A \$2,500 grant from FSB's Fund will help Copper Cannon provide this wonderful experience to campers from central N.H.

### **Franklin Boys and Girls Club**

Boys and Girls Clubs serve to compliment vital community resources in providing recreational, social and educational programs for children from grade school through high school. FSB's Fund has awarded a \$7,500 grant to the Concord Boys and Girls Club to assist with the opening of an afterschool and summer camp program at their Franklin location (in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall).

### **Paul Smith School Parent**

#### **Teacher Organization**

The Garden Project at the Paul Smith Elementary School helps children reconnect with the agricultural roots and traditions of Franklin, N.H. Students have built and maintained raised beds for a butterfly garden, a teaching garden, and a food sharing garden. A \$2,000 grant from the FSB Fund will help the Garden reach its goal of growing fresh vegetables and fruits to donate to local food pantries and soup kitchens.

### **Tapply Thompson**

#### **Community Center & Kelley Park Playground**

The Kelley Park Playground is the only play space of its kind in the Bristol area and is well used by local schools and families. A park that is loved this much needs frequent repairs and maintenance. A \$7,000 grant from Franklin Savings Bank will allow the Kelley Park to refurbish and replace key structures at this busy children's play place.

### **Tilton-Northfield**

#### **Recreation Council**

The Pines Community Center, which is maintained by the Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council, provides meeting and function space for more than 45 community groups. Thousands of local people visit the center each year. Programs include youth sports, 4-H, Little League, Boy and Girl Scouts, day care and summer camps, senior luncheons, dance classes, and so much more. A \$3,300 grant from Franklin Savings Bank will enable the Pines Community Center to replace the hot

water circulating pump, which is so critical to many of the programs, as well as to the safety and sanitation of the Center.

"Awarding the Fund for Community Advancement grants is one of the highlights of our community support," said Jeff Savage, FSB president and CEO. "Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to help our neighbors accomplish such worthy goals. It's an honor to be a part of these organizations' efforts."

These grants were awarded in the 33rd round since the FSB Fund for Community Advancement was created in 1997. The Fund provides support for substantial projects that enhance the lives of people in the communities that make up the primary market area of the bank. Organizations wishing to apply for the next round of Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement awards are welcome to submit completed applications by July 1.

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