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## East Cambridge Savings Bank supports local nonprofits in Woburn

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Woburn, MA East Cambridge Savings Bank supported two local nonprofit organizations to mark their entrance into the local community. On August 1st, the bank presented donations to the North Suburban YMCA located in Woburn, and the Lexington Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry. These two \$5,000 donations will go directly to programming and client services at each organization, enabling them to use the funds for urgent needs. Officials from both organizations joined the opening day festivities at 237 Lexington St. on the bank's first day of operations in Woburn after completing the acquisition of Patriot Community Bank.

"It is truly an honor to support the North Suburban YMCA and Lexington Food Pantry. These two organizations do critical work in Woburn, Lexington, and surrounding cities and towns and we admire their steadfast commitment to serving the community," said Gilda Nogueira, East Cambridge

Savings Bank's president and chief executive officer. "It has become customary to donate to local nonprofit organizations when the bank opens a new banking center or expands our branch footprint. It's our way of demonstrating commitment to the community on day one and expressing our gratitude for being welcomed by area residents, customers, and businesses."

Representatives from both organizations were on hand for the bank's first day including Lindsey Leric, associate executive director at the North Suburban YMCA. "We really appreciate East Cambridge Savings Bank's support, and it was great to be part of their opening day in Woburn," said Leric. "This donation will help our efforts to provide programming for Woburn area children, families, and seniors to support their physical and emotional well-being."

Carolyn Wortman, program coordinator at the Lexington Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry, dedicates countless hours to battling food insecurity and hunger in neighboring Lexington. "What we at the food pantry have always known is that hunger and lack of access to high-quality, nutritious food is an issue that effects every community," Wortman said. "This was especially evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when the food pantry experienced a dramatic increase in need. We continued to be there for the community and never stopped serving our clients. We welcome East Cambridge Savings Bank's support so we can continue to provide critical services at the food pantry."

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