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Pictured L to R: Chrisy Jones, Development Manager for Habitat for Humanity Caron Dooley, SSB Asst. VP, Regional Branch Manager and Emily DeGray, SSB Worcester Branch Manager,

Southbridge Savings Bank Supports Habitat for Humanity Project in Worcester

February 14, 2012 – Southbridge Savings Bank is proud to partner again with Habitat for Humanity Metrowest/Greater Worcester for a new build in Worcester. After a successful build in Sturbridge, SSB has committed another \$2,500 to their newest venture.

The property, located on 16 Fales Street in Worcester has begun and will rely on local volunteers to complete the project within 10-12 months. After an extensive selection process, a deserving family from Shrewsbury will soon call this home. This house will be a 2 story, single family attachment, built adjacent to a home that Habitat built 16 years ago, resulting in a duplex structure. The home will be Energy Star certified and the landscaping will be comparable to neighboring homes.

“Southbridge Savings Bank welcomes the opportunity to support this project with a donation of \$2,500.00,” stated Bank President Phil Pettinelli. “We are pleased that the Habitat for Humanity has chosen to do a project here in Worcester and proud that we can be a part of that.”

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According to Harriett Lebow, Executive Director of the Habitat affiliate, “The Worcester home represents Habitat’s commitment to bringing decent, affordable housing to families in need. It emphasizes that our roots are in Worcester, while we continue to serve all of our MetroWest and Greater Worcester communities. This home will be the 34th home built by our Affiliate in the past 27 years, and our 19th home built in Worcester.”

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Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that provides simple, decent, affordable home ownership opportunities for families in need living between 25-60% of the area’s median income. The organization is pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. Homes are sold to qualified and carefully selected low-income families on a no-profit basis with an interest-free mortgage. Selected families work with family partners and attend monthly meetings to prepare for successful home ownership. Partner families must contribute 400 to 500 sweat equity hours helping to build their homes.

Habitat has an open-door policy welcoming all volunteers and supporters regardless of religious affiliation, race, nationality or other background. For more information about HFH-MWGW, please visit www.habitatmwgw.org or contact the Habitat office at 508-799-9259 or office@habitatmwgw.org For more information on Habitat for Humanity, visit them at <http://habitatmwgw.org>.