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MEDFIELD FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES ONLINE DONATION CAPABILITY
First Donation Benefits Selectmen

Medfield, MA – The Medfield Foundation announced today that it has established the ability to accept online donations via the internet. Medfield Foundation member, Bob Luttmann, a Medfield based website designer and health care IT consultant, who created the Medfield Foundation website (www.MedfieldFoundation.org) has now added the ability for donors to make their contributions online via the internet. The online donations are made via a link that has been added at the Medfield Foundation website to www.networkforgood.org, a website dedicated to assisting nonprofit ventures. The full amount of the online credit card donation is currently then mailed to the Medfield Foundation by check. Luttmann says that he will soon activate the electronic fund transfer option so that online donations will then automatically be directly deposited into the Medfield Foundation account at the Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank. Donors can still also make donations by delivering or mailing checks payable to the Medfield Foundation to the Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank. Luttmann also offered to assist other groups on town who want to establish similar online donation capabilities.

The Medfield Foundation is a local grass roots effort, founded last year by local volunteers, for the purpose of raising private monies for public purposes in the Town of Medfield, with special emphasis on capital projects. Donors to the Medfield Foundation can direct their donations to their areas of interest by specifying general category, such as the schools, the library, the seniors, or any of the other general needs in town.

Ironically, the first online donation to the Medfield Foundation came from a Medway resident, who donated monies to be used for “refreshments at selectmen's meeting.” Osler L. Peterson a local attorney, Medfield selectman, and Medfield Foundation member reported on the gift to the full board of selectmen, who were pleased that their neighbors in Medway are interested in looking out for the welfare of the Medfield selectmen. Luttmann expressed surprise that the Medfield selectmen “were seen as so deprived that their plight has generated sympathy from our neighbors.”

Kevin Hern, a local Medfield attorney who practices with Reimer & Braunstein in Boston and is the President of the Medfield Foundation, notes that the Medfield Foundation in short order established itself as a legal entity, successfully incorporating and receiving I.R.S. recognition of its tax exempt status in record time, so that all donations to the Medfield Foundation are fully tax deductible. “The Medfield Foundation seeks to raise monies to fund needed capital projects in town, to build some of what needs to be built in town by way of private fund raising, and to thereby provide some relief from the pressures that would otherwise result on the property tax,” Hern said.

The Medfield Foundation started its fund raising by asking residents to donate their 2001 income tax rebates, an idea generated by Medfield Foundation member Chris Varner.

The first two projects named by the Medfield Foundation for its fund raising are to assist the Council on Aging to raise the monies necessary to purchase a 14 passenger bus that costs approximately \$40,000, and to assist the schools by raising the \$200,000 necessary to fully fit out the auditorium in the proposed new high school for performing arts, if the anticipated construction bids exceed the amounts previously approved by the town.

The Medfield Foundation has been meeting regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library (but will meet February 28 instead of February 21 this month because of the school vacation). Anyone interested in assisting or joining the Medfield Foundation is welcome to attend the monthly meetings.