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Partners Insurance Group, LLC donates \$500 to First Step Inn; Arbella Charitable Foundation matching gift increases contribution to \$1,500

SWANSEA, MA...Partners Insurance Group, LLC, one of the region's leading independent insurance agencies with eight locations in Southeastern MA and RI, has donated \$500 to First Step Inn, a program providing safe shelter and meals to homeless persons in the City of Fall River daily.

The contribution was matched by a special 2-to-1 program offered by the Arbella Insurance Charitable Foundation, for a total donation to First Step Inn of \$1,500.

"Arbella's 2-to-1 donation matching program continues to be a generous resource for local insurance agencies to contribute to those in need. Steppingstone and the First Step Inn are very thankful to have excellent corporate citizens like Partners Insurance and Arbella supporting the homeless," said Tim Cole, Vice President-Commercial Lending Officer with BayCoast Bank and a member of the Steppingstone, Inc. Board of Directors.

"It's a privilege to help support First Step Inn; this outstanding organization serves as a lifeline to homeless individuals, providing food and shelter, and connecting people to critical resources," said Lawrence Wilson, President/Chief Executive Officer of Partners Insurance Group. "We are grateful to Arbella Insurance and its Charitable Foundation for their generous 2-to-1 matching gift."

About Partners Insurance Group

Partners Insurance Group, LLC is one of the area's leading insurance agencies with eight offices in the South Coast Region: Fall River, Swansea, Seekonk, Somerset, New Bedford, Fairhaven and Tiverton, Rhode Island. Each office provides the expertise, convenience and personal service to access multiple insurance providers. Partners Insurance Group, LLC provides its clients with a broad range of expertise and the strength of a team that focuses solely on your insurance needs and delivers solutions with a smile. For additional information, please visit www.partnersstrength.com. Partners Insurance Group, LLC is an affiliate of BayCoast Bank.

Photo: (L-R) Patrick Long, SVP-Partners Insurance; Michelle McDonald, VP-Partners; Anabela Azevedo, First Step Inn; Kathy Schedler-Clark, Executive Director, First Step Inn; Tim Cole, VP with BayCoast Bank and Steppingstone Inc. Board member; Bernard J. McDonald, Licensed Producer-Partners Insurance; Kristine Gomez, VP, Partners