

### **Reading Co-operative Bank Makes \$5,000 Gift to VNA**



WAKEFIELD, MA, May 26, 2010 --- Reading Co-operative Bank recently renewed its membership in the VNA of Middlesex-East's Community Partner Program with a \$5,000 gift.

This annual gift represents the bank's major sponsorship of the VNA of Middlesex-East Annual Golf Tournament and Auction. These events raise funds for the agency's Sawtelle Family Hospice House located in Reading.

"Reading Co-operative Bank has been a major donor to this agency for many years. We are grateful for their dedication to our work and we are proud to be among the numerous community organizations they generously support," says Merry Beth Rucker, VNA of Middlesex-East CEO.

VNA of Middlesex-East was founded in 1902 and provides home health and hospice care to communities north and west of Boston. It is recognized among the top 6% of homecare agencies nationwide for quality and performance by Outcomes Concept Systems.

Reading Co-operative Bank is a community bank founded in 1886 on the principle that profit and growth go hand in hand with responsible banking and service to the community. Bauer Financial, Inc. has honored them with the Five-Star Award for Excellence for the 73<sup>rd</sup> quarter running. The bank has offices located in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Woburn.

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Photo caption: VNA of Middlesex-East CEO Merry Beth Rucker is presented with the \$5,000 donation by Reading Co-operative Bank President Julie Thurlow.