



**CONTACT: Mercedes Tompkins
2 Brookview Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
(617) 265-2965 x 208**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BROOKVIEW HOUSE RECEIVES \$10K MASS. BANKERS ASSOCIATION GRANT

BOSTON, January 7, 2008 – Brookview House, a Dorchester nonprofit dedicated to helping homeless mothers and their children leave the ranks of homelessness permanently, has received a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation.

Deborah Hughes, executive director of Brookview House, said, “This grant will help us provide these vulnerable families with a warm, safe home and real opportunities to change their lives.”

Established in 1990, Brookview’s mission is to help homeless and at risk families learn the skills necessary to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Sites in Roxbury and Dorchester, enable the organization to provide a safe, community setting with customized services to give homeless moms and kids the help and skills they need to succeed.

The foundation, supported by the 205 member banks of the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA), awarded the grants to 20 non-profit agencies across the Bay State. Stoneham Savings Bank, a MBA member, nominated Brookview House for the grant.

Stoneham Savings Bank’s President and CEO, Richard M. Donovan stated, “Brookview House gives homeless and impoverished families a second chance at life. We are very pleased that Brookview House received this grant and hope that it inspires other organizations and associations to support their mission.”

###