Bar Harbor Bank & Trust recognized for philanthropic efforts

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From left, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees Cathy Planchart, community relations officer; Joe Pratt, Bar Harbor Trust Services managing director and trust officer; Cheryl Curtis, senior vice president of marketing, research and community relations; and Sarah Robinson vice president and trust officer, are joined by Stephen Richards, director of development at the Maine Sea Coast Mission, in accepting the Outstanding Corporation Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals/Northern New England Chapter on National Philanthropy Day.

BAR HARBOR — Bar Harbor Bank & Trust received the Outstanding Corporation award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Northern New England Chapter, at the 2010 National Philanthropy Day celebration held in South Portland on Nov. 4.

The bank was nominated by Stephen Richards of the Maine Sea Coast Mission. The bank's support has included annual gifts, event sponsorships and participation, capital campaign contributions, and memberships. Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees and directors also give directly to many nonprofits through personal contributions and volunteer activities. It is estimated that at least 80 percent of bank employees are involved in supporting nonprofit organizations. National Philanthropy Day was first held in 1986.

This year, approximately 100 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters will hold NPD events and activities across North America. AFP International, of which AFPNNE is a chapter, is the professional association of individuals and organizations that generate philanthropic support for a wide variety of charitable institutions.

Founded in 1960, AFP advances philanthropy through its 30,000 members in 207 chapters throughout the world and is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010.