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### NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK DONATES \$100,000 FOR DISASTER RELIEF

**NORTHFIELD, VT (September 2, 2011)**—In the wake of Tropical Storm Irene which affected much of central and southern Vermont, and resulted in the worst flooding in a generation, **Northfield Savings Bank today made a \$100,000 donation to the Green Mountain United Way for immediate disaster relief.** The presentation of funds was held at the bank's Waterbury, VT branch at 29 South Main Street. The location was significant, as floods had destroyed this branch earlier in the week.

"Northfield Savings Bank was founded on the principle of Vermonters helping Vermonters," said Thomas N. Pelletier, President and CEO of Northfield Savings Bank. "More than seven generations later, this remains a central part of our mission. This money will be put to immediate use to help Vermonters recover from the ravages of Tropical Storm Irene."

Green Mountain United Way will be the administrative agent for the funds. Funds will be distributed to community-based organizations in central Vermont that are providing immediate assistance to those in need. The intention is to help community organizations facilitate the delivery of basic human needs; food, clothing and shelter. Individuals in need of assistance should call VT 211 in order to be directed to the appropriate community organizations.

Bank president, Thomas Pelletier presented the check to Nancy Zorn, executive director of Green Mountain United Way. Community-based organizations are encouraged to contact the Green Mountain United Way to access funding by calling (802) 229-9532, or visiting [www.gmunitedway.org](http://www.gmunitedway.org).

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#### **About Northfield Savings Bank**

Northfield Savings Bank was founded in Northfield, Vt., in 1867 by a schoolmaster and haberdasher who believed a local community bank was needed. More than seven generations later, the Bank continues this community-minded tradition, and has grown to become the second largest bank headquartered in Vermont with assets of over \$650 million. Also known for its role as a corporate citizen, Northfield Savings Bank proudly donates 10% of profits to Vermont community organizations, which totaled \$420,000 in 2010. Northfield Savings Bank operates 13 branches throughout central Vermont and Chittenden County. Member FDIC.

#### **About Green Mountain United Way**

Green Mountain United Way assesses the local area's strengths and weaknesses and collaborates with other organizations, government agencies, faith-based groups, businesses and individuals to make the community a better place for all people. GMUW's priority areas are in financial stability, healthy living, early learning and basic needs. For more information go to [www.gmunitedway.org](http://www.gmunitedway.org).