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### **West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. Receives Grants and Donations of \$8,160**

**October 21, 2010:** The West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. (WBAF), a non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to prevent cuts to town school arts and music programs, has recently received grants and donations totaling \$8,160.00 from the Music Drives Us Foundation, Webster First Federal Credit Union, and the West Boylston Teachers Association.

The WBAF was established in June 2007, following budget cuts which threatened to eliminate art and music classes in the West Boylston school system. Since it was founded, the organization has donated approximately \$51,000 to the Major Edwards Elementary School band instructional program. The WBAF has also funded the commission of the Bicentennial Mosaic Mural Project with Artist-in-Residence instruction for elementary school students' participation, a grant to the elementary school art teacher for additional equipment and supplies, and donations to the National Art Honor Society high school students.

In September, the WBAF received a grant of \$7,180.00 from the Ernie Boch Jr. family's Music Drives Us Foundation for continued funding of the elementary school band. Both Webster First Federal Credit Union and the West Boylston Teachers Association have made recent donations of \$500 each. In addition to helping to fund the elementary school band, the WBAF has also approached the school to have a display case built this year for the elementary school students' artwork.

“Through the generosity of our friends at the Music Drives Us Foundation, Webster First Credit Union, and the West Boylston Teachers Association, the students of West Boylston schools will be able to continue to enjoy the arts and music programs that are so important to their education,” said Mark Baldi, WBAF President. “We truly appreciate the support and belief in our organization by the Ernie Boch family, our teachers, and the business community.”

Additional information about the WBAF may be found at [www.wbaf.org](http://www.wbaf.org)

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