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Spirit of Giving Alive in 2008

Natick, MA- The Executive Director of Brandon, Natick's school and residential treatment center for at-risk youth, received a \$10,000 check in his mailbox just after New Years Day. TD Banknorth's charitable organization elected to fund Brandon's "Together We Can Achieve Healthy Choices: Choose Learning" initiative for 2008. This program will provide new computer work stations, educational software, new books and periodicals all in a freshly rehabbed a computer lab/media center to be named *MARC* (Media And Resource Center) courtesy of TD Banknorth.

A three part, ongoing project, "Together We Can Achieve Healthy Choices" was begun to provide Brandon's students with healthy outlets for their energy and emotions while helping them feel valued and part of the greater community. The Wayland Youth Board of The Make-The-Dash-Count Foundation funded a new playground as part of 2006's successful "Choose to be Active" initiative. In addition to their yearly giving cycle, Make-The-Dash-Count continues to be an active philanthropic partner to Brandon and other area youth by collecting art supplies at local Starbucks, building gingerbread houses with Brandon students and donating homemade breads and cookies at holiday times (along with Spread The Bread & The Wayland Angels).

For more information about Brandon and "Together We Can Achieve Healthy Choices," visit Brandonschool.org.

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