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# CAPE COD COOPERATIVE BANK PLEDGES A \$10,000 CHALLENGE GRANT TO LUKE'S LOVE BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND PROJECT

HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS, March 24, 2009 ... Joel G. Crowell, President and CEO of Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, is pleased to announce the Bank's challenge pledge of \$10,000 to the Luke Vincent Powers Foundation in support of Luke's Love Boundless Playground Project. This project will culminate in a barrier-free public playground to be built in a central location off the Mid-Cape highway on Route 149 in West Barnstable. The new playground will provide an exceptional play area specially designed with ramping structures and safety surfacing to allow children with and without disabilities to enjoy the experience of play together. Parents, grandparents and caregivers with physical limitations are also better able to participate in playground activities with their children.

The Luke Vincent Powers Foundation was established in 2003 by William and Suzanne Powers in memory of their son Luke and is dedicated to funding infinite opportunities for children in need. They are committed to building this exceptional playground so that no child is left on the sidelines to watch and wonder what it feels like to be a part of the excitement. The total budget for this community project is \$300,000. Cape Cod Cooperative Bank hopes their challenge pledge will encourage individual, family, business and corporate sponsors to join them to help bring this gift of joy and involvement to countless children.

Approximately 10 percent of the children in the United States have a disability that prevents them from using or enjoying most public playgrounds. When children with disabilities are excluded from exploration and play with their peers, it leads to further disadvantage. Many existing playgrounds are aging and were not built to meet the requirements of the ADAAG (Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibilities Guidelines).

"As a conscientious member of the Cape Cod community," Mr. Crowell said, "we are very proud to support this important project. We view this campaign to build a barrier-free playground as an exciting and forward-thinking way to meet the needs of the community we serve. Luke's Love Boundless Playground will provide a vital benefit for Cape residents and visitors for years to come."

If you would like to learn more about the Cape Cod Cooperative Challenge and how you can help, please stop in and visit the West Barnstable Branch office and talk with Branch Manager Brian Manning or call the Bank at 508-568-3200. Details and plans for the new playground are available at [www.lukeslove.org](http://www.lukeslove.org).

Cape Cod Cooperative Bank is an independent, mutual community bank with over \$586 million in assets. Established in 1921, it is headquartered in Hyannis with branches on Route 6A in Yarmouth Port, East Dennis and West Barnstable, in Sandwich at 275 Cotuit Road, in Hyannis at 695 Attucks Lane in Independence Park, and in East Harwich at their most recent location 1470 Orleans Road/Route 39.