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**Despite Cancellation Due to COVID-19, Mystic Valley Elder Services' Benefit Event Spring for Independence: *The Cast of Beatlemania* Raises Over \$146K**

(Malden, MA)—Mystic Valley Elder Services' (MVES) annual fundraiser **Spring For Independence** to help older adults and adults with disabilities was unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, in its fifteenth year, was to be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham. Despite this year's benefit performance of *The Cast of Beatlemania* being cancelled, more than \$146,000 was raised for MVES' programs due to the generosity of its dedicated sponsors.

"Our sponsors have collectively helped us raise these funds to benefit our neighbors in need. In these challenging times, we are especially grateful that their support will provide critical economic resources that will meet urgent program necessities," said Jenny Vanasse, Director of Development at MVES.

The annual theater event has grown from a fundraiser into a true community event, with more than 300 patrons turning out for the performance. More than 100 businesses and individuals sponsored the event, including Lead Sponsors John and Wendy Pereira and StonehamBank, Principal Sponsor Agero, and Diamond Sponsor The Piccolo Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.

"StonehamBank and the Pereiras have been outstanding supporters of our agency for many years," said Dan O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of MVES. "Each year, we hold this large fundraising event and I'm excited to say, despite these difficult times, we reached our fundraising goal. The proceeds will provide critical assistance for older adults in need."

StonehamBank's Chief Executive Officer Edward Doherty said, "With a history like MVES' that is so deeply rooted in our community, we are committed to doing our part to encourage positivity to those around us by sponsoring the theater event. MVES has helped many in need through their programs and services and the Bank is proud to support such a wonderful organization in our community along with so many others."



*(L to R) Daniel O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of MVES, accepts a Lead Sponsor check from StonehamBank's Chief Executive Officer Edward Doherty for the Spring For Independence fundraising event.*

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### **About Mystic Valley Elder Services**

*Celebrating 45 Years of giving older adults their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).*