



Berkshire Bank Supports Food Pantry in Whitehall

Whitehall, NY, November 10, 2011 – Berkshire Bank (formerly Legacy Banks) is organizing a “Stuff-A-Van” food drive for the Food Pantry in Whitehall, NY on Friday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Those who would like to contribute may bring non-perishable food items to the Berkshire Bank office at 184 Broadway, Whitehall, NY. Berkshire Bank team members and members of the community will be grilling hot dogs, and fun giveaways will be provided throughout the day. Berkshire Bank is hoping to fill the van with food, which will then be delivered to the Pantry.

“This is a fun event that the Whitehall Office has had great success with in the past,” said Michelle Fairbrother, Berkshire Bank’s Northern New York and Vermont Retail Manager. “As we convert our Whitehall Office from Legacy to Berkshire Bank, we thought this would be an exciting way to both welcome our customers and give back to the community.”

The Whitehall Food Pantry services people of Whitehall and the surrounding communities of Clemons, Dresden, Comstock and Hampton. It is located at 56 Greenmount Cemetery Lane, Whitehall New York with hours of operation Thursdays 11:00am-2:00pm. Currently, the Whitehall Food Pantry is feeding approximately 400 families with that number expected to increase.

Background

Berkshire Hills Bancorp is the parent of Berkshire Bank, America's Most Exciting BankSM, and has more than \$4 billion in assets. The company has more than 60 full service branch offices in Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont providing personal and business banking, insurance, and wealth management services. Berkshire Bank provides 100% deposit insurance protection for all deposit accounts, regardless of amount, based on a combination of FDIC insurance and the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF). For more information, visit www.berkshirebank.com or call 800-773-5601.

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