Webster Banker Recognized for Making Life Easier for Seniors in Connecticut

MADISON, Conn., July 27, 2016 – Robert Polito, a resident of Madison, Connecticut, has what amounts to almost a part-time job outside his full-time duties as a senior vice president and director of government guaranteed lending in Business Banking at Webster Bank. Now, his extra hard work is being recognized. Polito has been honored with the bank’s “80 Days of Giving” award. His volunteer effort is also part of Webster’s 80th Anniversary celebration. A ceremony was held recently at the Radisson Cromwell Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut. Polito’s work helped earn $1,000 for the nonprofit of his choice – Masonicare in Wallingford.

Polito is on the board of trustees at Masonicare and serves on various committees, including the organization’s Quality of Life Committee, which helps make life easier for its elderly clients by providing items that Medicare does not fund.

“I have been associated with this charity for 25 years, and I’m a third-generation member,” Polito said. “As Connecticut’s largest provider of senior health care, senior living, home care, and hospice, Masonicare provides specialized services and person-centered care each day to people all across our state with compassion, caring, and commitment.”

The Quality of Life Committee he chairs was formed to provide the most basic items for Masonicare’s elderly clients who cannot afford many items we take for granted.

“While the residents under this program are well provided for, items such as hearing aids, dentures, wheelchairs, eyeglasses, or any other special medical needs are funded via the Quality of Life Fund,” he explained.

Doctors, nurses, and nursing aides put together lists of needed items. “Some of the items are very specific, and some are programs like musical events or even the funding of aides who assist patients with doctor visits off campus. It really comes down to providing for items that help ensure the dignity of the most fragile population in our society,” Polito added.

This volunteer effort was one of many that have been submitted to the 80 Days of Giving Program that is part of Webster’s 80th anniversary celebration. The banker volunteer initiative, “80 Days of Giving,” was launched October 11, 2015. In all, 103 bankers nominated volunteer activities to receive one of the 80 grants. The breadth and impact of participation stimulated even greater community involvement by Webster bankers who now contribute more than 125,000 volunteer hours annually. Webster Bank is a leading regional bank serving businesses and consumers in the northeast.

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