

# Bank of Cape Cod supports Kids@Highfield programming



Bank of Cape Cod Executives join children at a program at Historic Highfield Hall in Falmouth. Pictured with the preschoolers are, left to right, Timothy T. Telman bank president and CEO; Kelly Monahan, bank business development officer; Caroline Inmen, education coordinator at Highfield; Charles DeSimone, bank senior vice president.

Bank of Cape Cod and Highfield Hall have announced a partnership that will help bring children's programming to the historic house and property in Falmouth.

"kids@Highfield" begins in late April and is geared toward pre-school aged children. Highfield Hall received a two-year federal grant from the Museums for America program to develop and staff the undertaking, and a major donation from Bank of Cape Cod will assist with marketing and programming.

A desire to create programs for children and families was cemented in 2007 when the historic house played host to the town of Falmouth's summer programs. "The joy, the energy of the children and their happy faces engrossed in activities only made us want to be around them even more," Highfield Executive Director Barbara Milligan noted as she recalled that summer.

Events in the spring and summer will feature creative movement, organized exploration in the 400 acres at Highfield, an art program for children with special needs, and a summer with "Discovery Days" filled with adventure for kids. "Highfield Hall isn't just an estate or historic house – it is living, breathing entity that is important to the community," Milligan said. "This is a huge learning center here. We want every generation to appreciate and learn from this wonderful resource."

While the federal grant and other funding sources are being utilized, it wasn't quite enough to accomplish all the team has in mind. That's where the Bank of Cape Cod came in and is providing sponsorship of the kids@Highfield program.

"We couldn't do any of this without partnering with the business community and are grateful to Bank of Cape Cod for stepping up," Milligan said.

Bank of Cape Cod, with locations in Hyannis and Osterville and opening in May in Falmouth, saw an opportunity to be a good partner and neighbor, said Timothy T. Telman, bank President and CEO.

"We are a local bank with local roots. We understand and appreciate the need to be a good neighbor and community partner," Telman said. "Highfield Hall has an outstanding reputation for bringing art, history, music, and nature to life and accessible to everyone. We are pleased to partner with Highfield Hall and all the community organizations we support throughout the year."

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