

**Cheryl Opper's Presents "Champion for our Kids" Corporate Partner Award to Randolph Savings Bank**  
**Open the Door Gala**  
**Lombardo's, Randolph, MA**  
**Friday, September 18, 2015**

I am so proud and honored to present our "Champion for our Kids" corporate partner award to Randolph Savings Bank for their efforts to bring School on Wheels' services to the Randolph community.

Your made it your mission to ensure children impacted by homelessness in the Randolph Public Schools have the same quality academic opportunities and resources as their peers.

Richard Olson, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking & Corporate Marketing came to our Brockton Headquarters 18 months ago to introduce himself and learn more about SOWMA's work. During his visit he asked me how their employees could be more engaged in supporting our mission for the children living at the Evelyn House shelter in Stoughton. He then asked, "Why aren't you in Randolph?"

I told him that there were no shelters in Randolph and that we didn't have a way to recognize the students; nor did we have a place to tutor the children. Richard said, "Let me see what I can do. There *has* to be a way to help the kids in our own backyard." He immediately contacted the Homeless Liaison in Randolph.

Richard and Jim McDonough, Randolph Savings Bank President and CEO, reached out to their board of directors and other key business leaders in the community. Randolph Savings Bank and six other business leaders raised a total of \$20,000 to financially support a School on Wheels program in Randolph.

Thanks to the Randolph Savings Community Business Model we were able to ensure that every child impacted by homelessness, in kindergarten through grade 12 attending school in Randolph, had a brand new backpack filled with supplies and books to start the school year. Thanks to Randolph Savings support we were able to tutor students at the Randolph Middle School during the school day. This year we will extend our tutoring services to the students at Randolph High School to ensure students graduate on time and have the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education.

Randolph Savings has supported our students in so many important ways over the years such as school supply drives, family story time and volunteering for SOWMA on employee service days.

This summer they provided funding for a Bridgewater State University student who was living in his car after the dorms closed in May. Their support helped the student live on campus this summer and afford gas for his car.

They also sent one of our college students, Lorenz, to a National Student Leadership Conference at the Boston College Conference Center in Dover for a week. Lorenz told me it was one of the best experiences of his life!

Recently they provided funds for one of our college students studying abroad to help with textbooks and spending money. On the behalf of our wonderful, amazing students, School on Wheels is proud to present this award to Randolph Savings Bank as our "Champion for Our Kids Corporate Partner."