



Helping Teach Sound Savings Habits to Children Important To Katahdin Trust Bankers

April 12, 2010 – Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of Americans acknowledge not saving enough, reports the Pew Research Center. That’s why several bankers from Katahdin Trust Company will be teaching area school children the value of saving their money, as part of National Teach Children to Save Day (TCTS) on April 27. These out-of-the-ordinary lessons will bring a fresh face to the classroom to encourage a greater appreciation of saving and spending wisely. TCTS lessons couple reality with learning, incorporating hands-on scenarios and real life experiences.

The TCTS program is sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation, and since 1997, has reached 3.4 million young people with the help of some 80,000 banker volunteers.

Materials used in the presentations support curriculum standards which have been established by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Council of Teachers of English and the Family and Consumer Sciences.

“Many of life’s most important lessons are learned outside the walls of the classroom,” said Katahdin Trust Company Senior Vice President Vicki Smith, who oversees the bank’s efforts in the program. “Katahdin Trust Company employees are delighted to participate in conjunction with area teachers in helping children understand basic financial principles and the importance of a savings program, not just for today but for their futures.” Smith said this is an important service we can provide in our community – to our friends, neighbors, and customers.

Twenty-nine Katahdin Trust Company employees will be reaching out to over 780 students across northern Maine. Employees participating and the schools they will be attending include: Hill Top School in Caribou: **Ann Ellis**, pre-k, **Mattie Maynard**, kindergarten; **Paul Guimond**, first; **Julie Haney** and **Christine Voter**, second; **Yancy LaPointe** and **Jenny Charette**, Teague Park School in Caribou, third; **Jana Shaw** and **Leslie Carlow**, Caribou Middle School, fifth; **Joe Clukey**, Pine Street Elementary in Presque Isle, first; **Connie Heald**, Washburn Elementary, second, and Cornerstone Christian Academy in Presque Isle, kindergarten, first and second; **Danielle Brewer**, Easton Elementary, kindergarten and second; **Karen MacDonald**, Ashland Central School, third; **Debra Cyr**, Van Buren Middle School, seventh, eighth and ninth; **Janet Saucier**, Eagle Lake Elementary, second; **Emily Hosford** and **Lisa Moore**, Katahdin Elementary in Stacyville, third; **Tori Barber** and **Renae Crouse**, Fort Street Elementary in Mars Hill, fifth and sixth; Houlton Elementary, **Krista Putnam** and **Andrew Putnam**, first; and **Annette Beaton**, third; **Debbie Schillinger** and **Mandi Noyes**, Southern Aroostook Community School in Dyer Brook, third; and **Paula Bernier**, **Erica McPherson**, **Mindy LaPointe**, **Selma Jane Phair**, and **Rena Bouchard** will be leading a tour of the Bank’s Limestone office for the kindergarten class of the Limestone Community School.

Katahdin Trust Company, with nearly \$500 million in total assets, offers personal and business banking services from fourteen full-service locations in northern Maine, loan production offices in Bangor and Scarborough, online at www.katahdintrust.com and plans to open full-service locations in Bangor and Hampden in 2010. Katahdin Trust Company is owned by a one-bank holding company, Katahdin Bankshares Corp. which is quoted on the NASDAQ Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB) under the symbol KTHN. Current stock information can be found on the OTCBB website at www.otcbb.com.

Founded by bankers in 1925, the ABA Education Foundation is a non-profit subsidiary of the American Bankers Association. It was created to develop and provide educational programs leading to financial literacy. The National Teach Children to Save Day is conducted each April and is implemented on the heels of thousands of bankers nationwide investing time and effort in local classrooms to teach the importance of savings.

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