



# Danvers Savings Bank

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## **Teddy Bears Bombard Danvers Savings Branches** *Nearly 400 Bears Donated to Comfort Children*

During previous charitable drives, Danvers Savings Bank's branch lobbies have been filled with donated baby supplies, nonperishable food, valentines for United States troops and even old hats and mittens—but never teddy bears. Until now.

The Bank recently held a month-long drive for teddy bears in nine of its twelve branch locations to benefit

Department of Social Service offices throughout the state, as well as the Lazarus House in Lawrence. Both organizations will use the bears to comfort children in their care.

“We figured that with the help of our employees and customers, the Bank could amass a good amount to donate,” explained Danvers Savings Bank's Andover Branch Manager, Paula Evans. “Our employees and customers really embraced the effort—some customers even handed us money to go buy more bears when they saw them on display. We'll really miss having them in the branch, but I can't think of a better place for them to be going.”

A total of nearly 400 bears were donated at Danvers Savings branches in Andover, Beverly, Chelsea, Danvers, Middleton, Peabody, Revere and Woburn. About 60 of those were recently presented to Lazarus House Development Manager Betsy Leeman. She's shown picking up the bears in the enclosed photo (left), with Danvers Savings Bank's Evans (right).



“I expect that these bears will last us well into the summer,” began Leeman. “They’ll help make our guests at the shelter and our AIDS residence, Corpus Christi, smile. Every summer we have a Rainbow Festival for the kids and I expect we’ll give some of the bears away then. They may seem like just stuffed animals, but they’ll make a world of difference to the kids who receive them.”

The Lazarus House Ministries provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, clothing and furnishings, education and health services for those in their care. They are located at 48 Holly Street, Lawrence, MA 01942. For more information, call them at 978-689-8575 or visit their website at [www.lazarushouse.org](http://www.lazarushouse.org).

Serving the community since 1850, Danvers Savings Bank is an \$800 million financial institution operating out of twelve full-service locations in Andover, Beverly, Chelsea, Danvers (2), Middleton, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Salem, Wilmington and Woburn; and one Representative Office in Boston. The Bank is an acknowledged leader in small business lending, earning the status of Preferred SBA (Small Business Administration) Lender in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The Bank is likewise recognized as “Outstanding” for its community reinvestment activities by the FDIC. For more information, visit the Bank’s website at [www.danverssavings.com](http://www.danverssavings.com), or call the main line at 978-777-2200.

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