

Foundation awards affordable housing plan grants

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The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, announced winners of \$2.5 million in grants to support affordable housing initiatives through its sixth annual company-wide "Housing for Everyone" grant competition.

Greenville-based Upstate Forever is among the recipients.

The competition invited local nonprofit organiza-

tions from Maine to Florida to submit proposals outlining their plans and initiatives to support and provide affordable housing in their communities. Twenty-five organizations throughout TD Bank's footprint from Maine to Florida were awarded a \$100,000 grant for a total grant donation of \$2.5 million in 2011.

"Access to affordable energy-efficient, safe housing is a significant need for millions of families, and these grants will

help expand the availability of such housing in several neighborhoods in need," said Elizabeth K. Warn, president of the TD Charitable Foundation and senior vice president of community development for TD Bank. "We are proud to award 'Housing for Everyone' grants to these organizations as they continue to make a meaningful difference in their communities."

The 2011 "Housing for Everyone" grant competi-

tion featured a theme of "Building for the Future" that focused on the creation of new units, energy efficiency and capacity building projects. Organizations were required to have tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status and to develop or maintain affordable housing, or provide housing-related programs and services to very low-, low- and moderate-income individuals or families.

The TD Charitable Foundation's mission is to

serve the individuals, families and businesses in all the communities where TD Bank operates, having made \$82.9 million in charitable donations since its inception in 2002.

The foundation's areas of focus are affordable housing, education and financial literacy and the environment. More information on the TD Charitable Foundation, including an online grant application, is available at www.TDBank.com.