

# Newport County Chamber Community Fund 2010 Award Recipients

The Newport County Chamber of Commerce created the Newport County Chamber Community Fund to recognize the critical role our non-profit members play in building and sustaining a healthy community. The fund has been replenished through our Community Fund Annual Fundraiser and through donations at several Business After Hours events. Four member agencies received a total of \$2,000 (\$500 each) in awards for outstanding non-profit projects.

- **Child and Family** - Funds to be used toward the Supportive Housing for homeless mothers and their children. Michael Paeris, COO accepted the award.
- **East Bay Community Action Program** - Funds to be used toward the Sullivan School Backpack Feeding Program, a collaboration between the Newport Family & Child Opportunity Zone, a component of EBCAP and the RI Community Food Bank. Christine Arouth, Director of Newport Family & Child Opportunity Zone, a program within EBCAP, accepted the award.
- **Potter League for Animals** - Funds will be used for the organization's community outreach programs. Christie Smith, Executive Director accepted the award.
- **Seamen's Church** - Funds will be used to provide human service assistance with providing basic and emergency needs to individuals and families in Newport County, including fuel deliveries, food donations and other basic needs. Deedra Durocher accepted the award.

The 2010 Community Fund Awards were presented during the Newport County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at OceanCliff on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to these four organizations. Thank you to all the Chamber members and guests who helped build the Community Fund so that we could give these grants again this year.

The Newport County Chamber of Commerce helps its members succeed through legislative advocacy, education, savings, networking and increased visibility.