



Santander Bank Supports Lawrence, Andover and North Andover Communities Affected By Gas Explosions

Bank Donates \$100,000 to the Essex County Community Foundation's Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund

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To assist our communities impacted by the gas explosions and fires that devastated Lawrence, Andover and North Andover on September 13, 2018, Santander Bank is donating \$100,000 to the Essex County Community Foundation's Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund. The Fund was created specifically to help affected individuals, families and businesses with vital resources such as housing, food and support services.

"Our thoughts are with all those in the Merrimack Valley who were impacted by the gas explosions and fires, as well as those who have friends and family living in the area," said Duke Dayal, president and CEO of Santander Bank. "As always during times of trouble, the safety and well-being of our customers, employees and their families is our primary concern."

"When tragedy strikes our friends and neighbors, it's amazing to see how the business community rallies around them," said Crystal Bates, Director of Development and Communications at Essex County Community Foundation (ECCF). "Santander's very generous gift will have such a big impact now and in the coming weeks and months as the individuals and families affected by the fires work to rebuild their lives. For that, ECCF is very grateful."

Santander Bank customers impacted by the explosions can contact a Customer Service Center Advisor at 1-877-768-2265, seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for details on how Santander can help alleviate some of their financial worries while they begin to recover from these terrible events. Customers with hearing impairments can call 1-800-428-9121 (TTY/TDD), seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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