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BARRE, VT – Terry Bessette, Branch President for Merchants Bank’s Barre office, announced that Merchants Bank Foundation has made a \$1,000 donation to support Community Capital, a regional non-profit organization offering affordable loans and management assistance to businesses in central Vermont.

“We recognize the important resource that Community Capital offers to Vermont businesses in the area, and we are proud to support this organization and in turn, support the local community,” commented Bessette.

The donation will help Community Capital to further serve Vermont entrepreneurs with flexible assistance and financing options.

To find out more about Community Capital, call Loan Officer Chris Rottler at (802) 479-1053 or visit www.cvcapital.org.

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