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City of Beacon Receives Generous Donation of Key Food Gift Cards for Distribution

BEACON, NY – A generous local donor recently provided the City of Beacon with a heartwarming donation, hoping perhaps, to provide some certainty to Beacon residents in these uncertain times.

The City received one thousand dollars worth of gift cards to the Beacon Key Food Grocery Store. The twenty gift cards (each valued at \$50) will be distributed to local families in need of food. City administration will work with the City School District and the local religious leaders to ensure the cards are distributed to families who are most in need. This donation will enable Beacon families who are struggling in this unprecedented time to experience some relief.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, “An individual opened up their heart to give back to the City during this devastating economic time, to assist families and people in need. As Governor Cuomo has said a number of times, ‘in times of crisis, you see the best of humanity.’ This is one of those times. On behalf of all residents, I thank this generous donor.”

About the City of Beacon:

Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19th and 20th Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21st Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces in the country for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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