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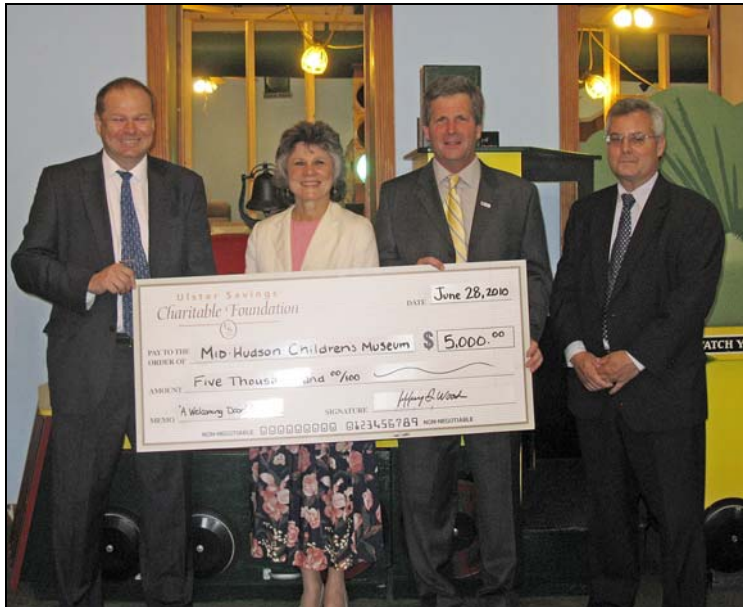


PHOTO CAPTION: Jeffrey D. Wood (far left), Executive Director of the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation, presents the Foundation's \$5,000 grant to Janet Tullio (2nd from left) of the Dutchess County Attorney's Office, Ed Glisson (2nd from right), Mid-Hudson Children's Museum Executive Director, and William Francis (far right), Mid-Hudson Children's Museum Board Member, at the Museum in Poughkeepsie.

ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 GRANT TO MID-HUDSON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation recently announced a \$5,000 grant in support of the "A Welcoming Door" program at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie.

The program, a collaborative effort between the Museum, Dutchess County Social Services Department and the City of Poughkeepsie Drug Treatment Court, supports children and families engaged in foster care and the Drug Treatment Court programs. The Children's Museum would be utilized as a meeting place for foster children, their parents, foster care personnel and Drug Treatment Court staff and would provide a more relaxed, natural environment for child/parent interaction.

"The "Welcoming Door" program offers the chance for more meaningful and fulfilling interactions between foster children and their parents," said Jeffrey D. Wood, Charitable Foundation Executive Director. "We're pleased to know that our grant will help to facilitate greater communication between foster children, their parents and other social services and governmental agencies."

For more information about the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation, please call Jeffrey Wood at (845) 338-6322, ext. 3268.