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PHOTO CAPTION: Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation Board President and Ulster Savings Bank Trustee, **Wayne Nussbickel** (2nd from right) and Charitable Foundation Executive Director, **Jeffrey Wood** (far right), present the Foundation's commitment check to the Ashokan Foundation's Board President, **Jay Ungar** (far left), Vice President, **Molly Mason** (2nd from left) and **Deborah Meyer DeWan** (center).

ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS ASHOKAN FOUNDATION WITH CAPITAL BUILDING PROJECT

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation recently announced a \$45,000, 3-year commitment to the Ashokan Foundation's "Building the Bridge to a Sustainable Future: The Ashokan Center Building Replacement Project".

The Ashokan Foundation's capital project was initiated in response to the NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection's plan to increase water releases from the Ashokan reservoir. In order to protect water quality and prevent flooding, the NYC DEP must clear away current buildings utilized by the Ashokan Center. Funding from the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation will assist in the replacement of Ashokan's five principal buildings along the Esopus Creek with new "green buildings" on higher ground.

"The Ashokan Center's goal to rebuild these buildings in a sustainable, energy-efficient manner is praiseworthy," said Jeffrey D. Wood, Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation Executive Director. "We're pleased that our funding commitment will enable them to continue providing a safe, enjoyable learning environment for our community through shared experiences in nature, history and the arts."

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