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HARRIET TUBMAN ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER AWARDED \$2,000 GRANT FROM ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

(Kingston, NY) The Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center (HTASC) has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation to fund a new Mentor Program. HTASC offers an after-school program for children in grades K through 5 that live in and near the Tubman Apartment Complex in the City of Poughkeepsie. The Middle School Mentor Program for students in Sixth and Seventh grade will be welcomed to the program center at 3 pm to complete their homework. When they are done, they will work with one of the younger children as a mentor.

“Expanding HTASC to include middle school students in a meaningful way is sure to be a success. Being a mentor gives teenagers a sense of purpose and worth. Having young children look up to them makes them understand how important their behaviors are,” said Barb Adams, President, Board of Directors, HTASC. “We are excited to begin the Middle School Mentor Program and thankful to Ulster Savings for helping us to make it a success,” she added.

HTASC is a not-for-profit, small local community academic skills center located in the community room of the Harriet Tubman Housing Complex. With a history spanning over 19 years, they have a passion for instilling a love of learning to inner-city youth. HTASC is a community outreach mission of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation was formed in 2003 to assist the local community in areas of housing, education, and human services.

For more information about the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center, please visit them online at www.htasc.org.

Photo Caption: The Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center receives a \$2,000 check from Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation. Pictured (from left to right) Vivien Simpson, HTASC Program Director, and Dennis Conn, AVP/Poughkeepsie Multi-Site Branch Manager, Ulster Savings Bank.

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