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Dartmouth Grange No. 162 Awards 2009 Community Citizen Award to Sharing the Harvest Community Farm Project at the Dartmouth YMCA

On Tuesday, April 7, the Dartmouth YMCA and its Sharing the Harvest Community Farm Project was presented with the 2009 Community Citizens Award by the Dartmouth Grange No. 162. The Dartmouth YMCA and the Sharing the Harvest Community Farm were honored for “their outstanding accomplishments at easing hunger and food security issues, educating people about [healthy] food production and encouraging community volunteer involvement.” Last year the Dartmouth YMCA had over 1200 hours of volunteer participation at the farm. The following YMCA employees are involved in running the Sharing the Harvest Community Farm Project and were in attendance last night: Derek Christianson, Farm Consultant; Daniel King, Farm Project Manager; Donna Edberg, Volunteer Coordinator; Derek Heim, Executive Director.

YMCASouthcoast has been working to meet the health and social service needs of families throughout the Southcoast area for nearly 150 years. There are currently five branch sites: the Dartmouth YMCA, Fall River YMCA, New Bedford YMCA, Mattapoisett YMCA and the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, serving more than 16,000 members. YMCAs embrace people of all ages, incomes, abilities, religions and ethnic backgrounds and build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Financial assistance is available for membership and programs. For more information, call 508-997-0734, visit the nearest YMCASouthcoast branch, or visit www.ymcasouthcoast.org

In the photo: Bill Shell (Hunger Commission & United Way), Derek Heim (Dartmouth Y Exec. Director), Sam Manley (President of the Dartmouth Grange), Donna Edberg (Volunteer Coordinator), Derek Christianson (Farm Project Consultant), and Dan King (Sharing the Harvest Project Coordinator)