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Bank of Cape Cod announces support for children's programs at Highfield Hall

Highfield estate and surrounding Beebe Woods in Falmouth will be an interactive learning environment for children and their families this spring and summer, thanks to a new programming initiative with sponsorship from Bank of Cape Cod.

Kids@Highfield, a series of educational programs, is the result of months of research and planning, and is part of a two-year federal grant awarded to Historic Highfield by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Museums for America program. The grant funded an education consultant to work on initial planning, and a part-time education coordinator for two years. Bank of Cape Cod's grant will help pay for the teaching staff, performers and supplies.

"A robust program for children and families has been a goal of mine since we opened in 2006," said Barbara Milligan, Executive Director of Historic Highfield. That desire was cemented in 2007 when the historic house played host to the Falmouth Public Library's summer programs. "The joy, the energy of the children engrossed in meaningful activities reinforced our belief that Highfield Hall is a resource for every generation," Milligan said. "We want the whole family to feel welcome here."

Bank of Cape Cod, with locations in Hyannis and Osterville and opening in May at 445 Main St. in Falmouth, saw an opportunity to be a good partner and neighbor, said Timothy T. Telman, bank President and CEO. "We are a Cape bank with Cape roots and we appreciate the need to be a strong community partner," said Telman. "Highfield Hall has an outstanding reputation for bringing art, history, music and nature to life and be accessible to everyone. We are proud to partner with Highfield Hall, and all the organizations we support throughout the year."

"Kids@Highfield" kicks off with two programs for preschoolers and their caregivers. Beebe Woods Explorers, a nature-themed program for children ages 2-5 will be held on Thursday mornings starting April 26. The five-week curriculum will be designed and led

by “Miss Amy” Sellers of North Falmouth. A creative movement class for children ages 1-5 will be on Wednesday mornings beginning April 25. The class, led by Melissa Milano, is already filled.

A third program for preschoolers begins on June 22. Art Explorations is designed for children 2.9-4 who have special needs. Led by Jeannine Valle, the program will be customized according to the needs of the participating children and their caregivers.

More Kids@Highfield offerings are in the works for July and August, Milligan said. Summer Discovery Days, she noted, for ages 4-6 are designed to take full advantage of the Highfield mansion, grounds and surrounding Beebe Woods. “The entire program is very exciting for all of us who work here,” Milligan said. “But the one we’re really waiting for is our Family Night Out at Highfield Hall. It’s going to be pure, unbridled fun.” Offered on Wednesday evenings beginning July 18, the night features “unplugged” games and headliner entertainment.

“The Family Night Out program, in particular, would have been impossible to offer without the support of Bank of Cape Cod,” Milligan said. “Their generosity will allow us to bring in the caliber of entertainment we want to offer our community. Highfield Hall couldn’t be Highfield Hall without the support of our local businesses, and we are grateful to Bank of Cape Cod.” To learn more about the programming, visit Historic Highfield’s website at www.highfieldhall.org.

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Highfield Hall is a center of cultural and community life, an engaging historic property where adults, children and families can participate in year-round programs and events in the arts, music, cooking and nature. Highfield Hal is operated by Historic Highfield, Inc. ,a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 to save, restore and operate the 1878 mansion at 56 Highfield Drive.

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