

## - Downtown Fire Relief Fund ... Lifeline Ambulance helps 'respond' to assist fire victims

WOBURN - On March 8, 2016 a devastating 3-alarm fire burned five merchants out of their businesses.

Since the day after the fire local resident David Hunt has been on a mission to raise money to help the merchants try to reopen.

The Woburn Downtown Fire Relief Fund was established at TD Bank at 280 Montvale Ave Woburn by David.

On April 17th, a pancake breakfast was held which raised \$7,100.00.

David had pre collected \$1,700.00 prior to the breakfast.

His dream was to hit \$10,000.00 but despite an amazing turnout, \$1,200.00 was still under goal.

On Thursday David got an email from Brian J. Connor, the Founder and

President of Lifeline Ambulance Service.

Brian offered to make up the difference that was needed to hit the \$10,000.00 mark. Brian informed David to meet him at Lifeline's Woburn facility on Friday and pick up a check for \$1,200.00.

Brian stated "I saw the front page of the Daily Times Chronicle and after seeing all the hard work that everyone did to make this possible, I just had to help David reach his goal". I was happy to help get these people back in business and help with their rebuilding efforts.

According to David Hunt, the fund's Administrator, "This generous contribution by Lifeline has answered my prayers. It has made it possible for me to give the

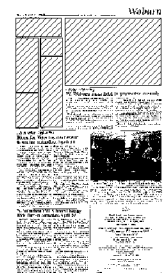
five merchants \$2,000 each to help them rebuild their lives. The 5 businesses that were affected by the fire are P & M Locksmith, Amor Amor, Cousins Restaurant, Miranda Services and Turf Time."

Hunt also wants to make it perfectly clear that 80 percent of the donations were smaller donations of \$10-\$25 either in the mail or thru the breakfast.

Hunt wants those who contributed to know that all donations regardless of the size added up into what has been raised. David stated that with people sending what they could afford regardless of size made this possible and thanks everyone who played a part in making this possible. "Once again you have proven why Woburn is such a special place to live in," he said.

If anyone would like to help, donations are still being accepted.

Those which to help can mail a check to the Woburn Downtown Fire Relief Fund C/O TD Bank 280 Montvale Ave., Woburn, MA 01801.





**LIFELINE AMBULANCE JOINS SUPPORT OF DOWNTOWN FIRE VICTIMS** - Brian J. Connor, the founder and president of LifeLine Ambulance Service (1) presents David Hunt, fund administrator for the Woburn Downtown Fire Relief Fund, with a check for \$1,200 to reach the charity's goal of \$10,000. The money will go to the five merchants from the fire on March 8.