



Mary Lyon (left), executive director of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor; and Charles "Chuck" Veeder (right), Literacy Volunteers board chairman, accept a check for \$5,000 from Bill Lucy, officer of the People's United Community Foundation.

## Literacy Volunteers receive grant to support program

BANGOR — People's United Community Foundation recently awarded Literacy Volunteers of Bangor a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support general operating costs.

For the past 41 years, Literacy Volunteers of Bangor has empowered adults with improved literacy skills through the help of trained volunteer tutors.

Last year, LV-Bangor's 257 volunteers logged more than 17,000 hours helping low-literate adults in the community. The value of their time was nearly \$270,000, and the differences that they made to the nearly 240 adults served was priceless.

"We simply can't take for granted that everyone has the basic skills of reading and writ-

ing," said Bill Lucy, officer of the foundation and president of Merrill Bank, a division of People's United Bank.

"That's why it's so critical to support Literacy Volunteers in their work of helping adults improve their lives through literacy," he said. "This gift will help them continue their mission in our communities."