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Business Briefs: R.O.P.E. receives major gift from Berkshire Money Management

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Berkshire Money Management has contributed \$5,000 to the Rites of Passage Empowerment Program that will be used toward the group's trip to South Africa in February 2016.

The contribution is the largest private donation presented to R.O.P.E. since its inception five years ago, and was given in the wake of the group's October fundraiser.

R.O.P.E. is a holistic program that emphasizes the mind, body and spiritual development of young women.

The investment will support the girls' engagement abroad, which includes a community service project assisting in the restoration of students' homes and a gift toward the Mother of Peace orphanage in Illovo, South Africa.

Lawrence Behan has been named vice president of administration and finance at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. He replaces James Stakenas, who retired last month after 15 years of service to MCLA.

Behan has more than 20 year of executive-level administration

experiences, as well as finance, information technology and operational expertise at a variety of organizations in both the private sector and state government.

He most recently served as chief financial officer and vice president of administration and finance at Walden Behavioral Care Inc. in Waltham.

The Norman Rockwell Museum has received a \$75,000 grant from the Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick Trust towards designing and building a new front stone entrance way to the museum.

The grant contributes to a larger funding effort for the project. Built more than 22 years ago, the 1,400 square foot bluestone terrace serves as the public gateway to the museum and its galleries.

The museum began pursuing design ideas and funding for this effort last winter.

For information on how to fund or support the initiative, contact Development Director Michelle Clarkin at 413-931-2206 or at mclarkin@nrm.org.

Founded in 1969 with the help of Norman and Molly Rockwell, the Rockwell Museum is located at 9 Route 183, and is an important site.