



*From Left: Beacon Light officers James Wiseman, COO; Richard Seager, President/CEO; and Richard Esch, Chairman of the Board accept a grant from John Rogers, President; and John Mallery, VP of the Mee Foundation.*

### **Beacon Light Receives \$100,000 Grant from Mee Foundation**

John Rogers, President and John Mallery, VP of the Mee Foundation met with officers of Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems in Port Allegany on Wednesday to tour Beacon Light's Bridgeport Academy, which will soon be undergoing an expansion and renovation thanks in part to a grant totaling \$102,500.

The Mee Foundation provided the funds as part of its 2009 grant program which supports projects and programs of qualified nonprofit organizations in regional New York and Pennsylvania counties. Education, Community and Recreation, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture are all supported through the Foundation charitable efforts. It is the Foundation's intent through such investments to create a positive impact on the issues facing communities today.

"Words can't express how thankful we are to the Mee Foundation for their support in this project. Their support will allow us to transform the facilities in Port Allegany from adequate to exceptional. We couldn't have asked for a better gift this Christmas season." said Richard Seager, Beacon Light President/CEO.

Established in 2003, the George A. and Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation, with offices in Binghamton, NY, was realized through assets the late George Mee realized from his investment in the Mallery Lumber Company. Along with the funds received from the foundation, Beacon Light will also be investing an additional \$100,000 to both renovate the existing facilities and expand available space for students enrolled in the program.

Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems is a not-for-profit, social service agency providing high quality mental health, behavioral, and educational services to children, adolescents and families from across the Commonwealth. Bridgeport Academy in Port Allegany is an alternative education program operated by Beacon Light