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The Provident Bank Foundation Awards 2016 \$100K ‘Signature’ Grant to Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation

Funding Will Support Telemedicine Initiative To Expand Healthcare Access

Morristown, NJ (November 14, 2016) – [The Provident Bank Foundation](#) (PBF) has announced Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation in Mountainside, N.J. as the recipient of the Foundation’s \$100,000 “Signature” Grant in the *Health, Youth and Families* funding priority area.

Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation was selected to receive this Signature Grant for use toward its Telemedicine Initiative, an innovative approach – conducted through robotics and diagnostic peripherals – to serving children with special health needs. The grant will specifically fund its Clinical Assist modular telemedicine system, which is needed to launch its telepsychiatry program.

“Better health, having youth reach their full potential, and making families stronger are the three ingredients that The Provident Bank Foundation believes is the recipe for better communities – and what we are committed to encouraging,” says Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation’s Telemedicine Initiative and Clinical Assist System will overcome the limited availability of skilled clinicians in a critical subspecialty – pediatric psychiatry - by making experts available where needed, and will serve approximately 350 more children at each of the selected sites for the program.”

Units will be deployed at four facilities throughout *Essex, Mercer, Ocean and Union* counties, enabling remote patient/physician interaction. These sites are located in communities that have been historically underserved by clinical psychiatric services. Providers can be "anywhere" geographically, although it is expected most will be physically located within the tri-state area in the first year. All clinical providers will be licensed in the State of New Jersey.

“We are incredibly grateful to The Provident Bank Foundation for its support of our mission to create a world where every child can reach their maximum potential. This grant will help address the glaring need for easier access to psychiatric services for children and youth,” says Phil Salerno, President and Chief Development Officer, Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation. “The Telemedicine and Clinical Assist modular will provide patients with specialty care, earlier intervention for time-sensitive conditions, increased communications between referring physicians, specialists and therapists, and a reduction in unnecessary tests.”.

Children's Specialized Hospital is the leading provider of inpatient and outpatient specialized healthcare services for infants, children, and young adults. Children’s Specialized Hospital programs are geared toward achieving maximum progress while placing the needs of patients and their family at the center of all activities.

For more information about PBF, visit www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org.

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About The Provident Bank Foundation

The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 with the intent of supporting not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other 501(c)(3) organizations that provide valuable services to the communities served by Provident Bank. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$21million to not-for-profit organizations and institutions working toward stronger communities. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org or call (862) 260-3990.

About Children’s Specialized Hospital

Children’s Specialized Hospital, a non-profit organization, is leading the way into a brighter future for children and adolescents facing special health challenges — from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. Working with parents and families, our award-winning doctors, researchers and pediatric specialists depend on the generosity of donors to discover new and innovative ways to help more children overcome their health challenges. All donations go directly to helping us pioneer new specialized children’s care and serve more children in need. To help, or find more information: call 888-CHILDRENS; visit www.childrens-specialized.org/giving