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The Provident Bank Foundation Presents $100K ‘Signature’ Grant to Jersey Battered Women Service in Morris County
For use toward new public safety initiative

Morristown, NJ (November 30, 2015) – The Provident Bank Foundation presented its $100,000 “Signature” Grant in the Health, Youth & Families funding priority area to Jersey Battered Women Service (JBWS) of Morristown, New Jersey. JBWS was selected to receive the Signature Grant for a new initiative, The Morris Family Justice Center (Center). The Center is a public safety strategy that will improve the safety and quality of life of domestic violence victims and their children.

“We invest in those institutions that contribute to a sense of community, and offer a diversity of programs that make people healthier, happier and safer,” said Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “We are pleased to present JBWS with our $100,000 ‘Signature Grant,’ and be a part of the coordinated effort to improve the quality of life of Morris County families.”
The Morris Family Justice Center initiative has brought community partners together, making accessing services easier for the clients and better coordinating services among providers, improving the community’s response to domestic violence. Its mission is to provide a community-wide approach to delivering services to victims of domestic violence and their families through a coordinated effort among agencies, including county government, law enforcement, social service agencies, and the court, to enhance safety by ensuring that victims receive the maximum protections under the law and that perpetrators are held accountable.

For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org.

**About The Provident Bank Foundation**
The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 by The Provident Bank to enhance the quality of life in the region through support of not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other organizations that provide services in communities served by the bank. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than $20million 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 Jersey Battered Women’s Service**
Jersey Battered Women’s Service, Inc. (JBWS) is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence. The services provided include a 24-hour help line, emergency safe house, victim counseling, children's counseling, legal advocacy, batterers’ intervention, transitional housing, life skills education, vocational counseling, community education and teen dating abuse prevention programs. For more information on JBWS, please visit www.jbws.org. If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, call the 24-hour confidential helpline at 973-267-4763.

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