The Provident Bank Foundation Awards $20K ‘Impact’ Grant to Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania - Bucks County Division

Funding to assist in facilitated classroom learning for children with physical and developmental disabilities

LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (SEPTEMBER 17, 2015) – The Provident Bank Foundation has named Easter Seals of Southern Pennsylvania - Bucks County Division the recipient of the Foundation’s $20,000 Bucks County “Impact” Grant. This grant will be used toward the purchase of Qomo Smartboard Technology Systems to facilitate activities that engage all children, regardless of ability.

“Qomo SmartBoard Technology Systems is a powerful tool that helps enhance the communication skills and cognition of children with disabilities,” said Carl Webster, executive director and CEO of Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania. “Through the support of The Provident Bank Foundation, children benefiting from Easter Seals services will now have access to this innovative technology.”

This interactive equipment will play a significant role for Easter Seals Approved Private School (APS) and The Friendship Academy. The systems at both schools will become adaptive instruments that all students can use, and be vehicles that will help both the children and their families achieve greater success in learning.

“Since its inception, Easter Seals has provided hope and answers to more than a million children and adults living with disabilities and special needs,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “This grant extends this help to more than 54 individuals and community based students, offering the opportunity of a more independent life.”

Easter Seals of Southern Pennsylvania provides several educational opportunities for children and individuals with a variety of disabilities. Of these programs, the two schools receiving the new interactive technology are The Approved Private School and The Friendship Academy. Both locations help these individuals to receive needed therapeutic services, challenge their cognitive and motor skills, express their creativity and interact with their peers in a fun and comfortable environment.

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