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**The Provident Bank Foundation Awards \$100K ‘Signature’ Grant
to Jersey Battered Women Service in Morris County**

For use towards new public safety initiative

Morristown, NJ (November 4, 2015) – [The Provident Bank Foundation](#) has announced that it has selected [Jersey Battered Women Service](#) (JBWS), Morristown, NJ to receive its \$100,000 “Signature” Grant in the Health, Youth & Families funding priority area.

“Domestic abuse takes many forms including physical, emotional, isolation and economic. The team at JBWS and its partners have built a model that takes a holistic approach to domestic abuse,” said Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “We know that education, counseling, life and job skills, as well as legal assistance are all key in addressing domestic violence, and we are pleased to support the ongoing work of JBWS and its community partners.”

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. The 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. JBWS executive director Patty Sly says, “On behalf of JBWS and our partners, including the County, the Prosecutor’s Office, the Sheriff’s Office, the Courts, Morristown Police Department, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, the Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs, we are most grateful to The Provident Bank Foundation for its thoughtful commitment to its communities and its generous support of the Family Justice Center.”

The mission of the Morris Family Justice Center 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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