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The Provident Bank Foundation Awards $100K ‘Signature’ Grant and $20K ‘Impact’ Grants to Nonprofits in Hudson and Warren County, NJ and Bucks County, PA

Saint Peter’s University Receives Signature Grant;
Abilities of New Jersey in Washington, NJ and
Easter Seals of Southern Pennsylvania in Levittown, PA receive Impact Grants

Morristown, NJ (August 14, 2015) – The Provident Bank Foundation has announced that it has selected Saint Peter’s University, Jersey City, NJ to receive its $100,000 “Signature” Grant in the Education funding priority area. In addition, the Foundation has awarded two $20,000 “Impact” Grants, one to Warren County based Abilities of Northwest New Jersey and one to Bucks County based Easter Seals of Southern Pennsylvania.

“We are delighted to announce the deserving recipients of our second round of Signature and Impact grants,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “We are confident that these organizations will use the funding to help drive sustainable community enhancement and long-term change. We look forward to seeing the impact they have in each of the communities they serve.”

Saint Peter’s University was selected to receive the Signature Grant for an innovative center at the university, The Ignite Institute. The institute serves Hudson County’s community of entrepreneurs, many underserved, by providing thought leadership, research and direct educational service, thus having multiplier effects on the larger community.

Abilities of Northwest New Jersey, based in Washington, N.J., will receive the $20,000 Impact Grant for Warren County, N.J. to fund its Abilities SustainAbilities™ program. Abilities SustainAbilities™ is an innovative program that offers vocational training in environmentally sustainable industries to individuals with disabilities. This program will provide hands-on training in hydroponics agriculture and electronics/plastics recycling.
The recipient of the Bucks County Impact Grant is the Easter Seals of Southern Pennsylvania in Levittown, PA, which provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. The organization was selected to receive the $20,000 grant to fund the Qomo Smartboard Technology systems to facilitate activities that engage all children, regardless of ability.

Additional details about the grant process and deadlines for remaining grants can be found online at 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 $19 million 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.

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