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## **The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Haven House**

*Community grant supports Kitchen Renovations for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Day Program*

**Allentown, PA (May 5, 2015)** – The Provident Bank Foundation (<http://providentnjfoundation.org>), which supports organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of residents in the communities served by Provident Bank, has provided Haven House with a \$3,000 community grant to support the renovations of the kitchen at the community mental health clinic into a full cooking kitchen to provide free fresh hot meals for clients attending the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services day program. Currently, the kitchen is only equipped with crock pots, a microwave and hot dog turner. The kitchen completion involves purchase/installation of a commercial stove, fire suppression and hood system, and kitchen equipment such as pots, pans, safety attire, and coffee makers. Haven House clients are low-income, ages 18 and up, with a severe and chronic mental illness. Haven House provides free lunch to 35-50 clients per day. Clients are taught independent living skills, with instruction in meal preparation, safety, and nutrition.

“Having the right resources and equipment can be hugely beneficial to any independent living skills and vocational training program,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “The Provident Bank Foundation is proud to be able to provide support to complete the renovation of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services day program kitchen. The funding will allow Haven House clients to increase their knowledge of healthy nutrition choices and allow for more meal preparation opportunities.”

Haven House provides personalized outpatient psychiatric counseling services built on a foundation of trust, respect and inspiration. They encourage their clients to establish relationships, find and improve employment opportunities, and become active members of their communities. Haven House’s staff work together as a team creating mutual inspiration between clients and caregivers, while teaching skills and empowering clients to achieve personal goals and maintain stability, ultimately resulting in a successful recovery.

“We at Haven House are grateful to The Provident Bank Foundation. Their support brings us one step closer to a kitchen where clients can have a warm meal as well as learn culinary skills”, said Allison Lech, MSW LCSW, executive director of Haven House.

More information about Haven House is available at <http://haven-house.com/> or by calling (610) 433-6181. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit <http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org> or call (862) 260-3990.

### **About The Provident Bank Foundation**

The Provident Bank Foundation was established by New Jersey’s oldest bank in 2003 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 Provident Bank. Since its founding, 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 <http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org> or call (862) 260-3990.

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**Caption:** Andrea Reid, public relations officer at Provident Bank and Shaunna Murphy, foundation associate of The Provident Bank Foundation present Beverly Wasserman, board member and chair of the Capital Campaign for Haven House with the community grant.



**Caption:** Lori Richardson, development coordinator at Haven House and Shaunna Murphy, foundation associate of The Provident Bank Foundation pose for a picture in Haven House's kitchen with a crock pot the clients use daily for their meals.