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The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Building Better Communities
$2,500 Community Grant Supports Hunterdon Prevention Resources

Flemington, NJ (June 19, 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 Hunterdon Prevention Resources with a $2,500 community grant to support Building Better Communities at the Hunterdon County Family Success Center (FSC). Families and individuals from across the county come to the warm and cozy, home-embellished FSC. The FSC is an agent of Hunterdon Prevention Resources that provides resourceful, interactive programs in a safe, welcoming environment. Unifying Families and Strengthening Families are two programs provided by Hunterdon Prevention Resources at the FSC that focus on educating healthy relationships and lifestyles within families through group activities and learning workshops.

“The Hunterdon County Family Success Center captures the importance of family bonding, education, and healthy living that The Provident Bank Foundation prioritizes,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “A strong community is built from a strong foundation, and Hunterdon Prevention Resources provides the education and access to resources for an enriched, positive community.”

FSC programs are administered in a comfortable setting: the center is disguised as a standard living home with a family room, kitchen, living area, and children’s playroom. The offices utilized by the Family Partners are all decorated in earthy, soothing colors and accompanied by attractive wall art and friendly decorations, giving families that meet with them the opportunity to feel comfortable and normal when discussing intimate and/or uncomfortable situations. Building Better Communities is designed to help individuals improve their lives with access to an open, supportive setting. The grant will serve at least one hundred families, from infants to individuals over sixty.

Health and wellness workshops and one-on-one mentoring are also available to youths. The goal is to create a more positive home environment and empower youths and their families to thrive in school, the home and the community. The influence of an intimate, home setting contributes to reaching this goal.
“HPR is proud of what we have accomplished in the community with the Family Success Center. In just a short period of time, the FSC has become known in the community as the "go to" place,” said Karen A. Widico, Co-Executive Director at HPR. “Since the FSC opened in January 2012, we have served about 3,100 Hunterdon County families. With the funding from The Provident Bank Foundation, we will be able to continue to empower and strengthen more families.”

More information about Hunterdon Prevention Resources is available at http://hunterdonprevention.com/ or by calling (908) 782-3909. 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:** David Johnston, Hunterdon Prevention Resources Trustee (left-center) and Karen Widico, Co-Executive Director, Hunterdon Prevention Resources (right-center) receive a $2,500 check from Shaunna Murphy, Foundation Associate, The Provident Bank Foundation (far left) and Nicole Wisniewski, Branch Manager, Provident Bank (far right) for Building Better Communities in the Hunterdon County Family Success Center.