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The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Educational Program in Allentown

Community grant supports the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown's Literacy 4 R Youth Program

Allentown, NJ (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 the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown (BGCA) with a \$2,500 community grant to support the North Sixth Street Club's Literacy 4 R Youth after-school program. Literacy 4 R Youth provides disadvantaged youth, ages 5-12 with comprehensive programming designed to help develop their literacy skills and computer skills. The Literacy 4 R Youth Program is offered year round for all members of BGCA. Literacy 4 R Youth provides an engaging and structured after school activity for the members that correlates with and reinforces continued advancement in the areas of reading.

“Having the right technology can be hugely beneficial to any educational program, which is why we are especially pleased to be assisting the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown with the Literacy 4 R Youth program,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “Computer activities, combined with the assistance from BGCA staff, offer the students a thorough learning experience and we are grateful to help provide these important resources for our youth.”

The Boys & Girls Club of Allentown has been providing challenging programs and services to youth, ages 5 -18, in the community for 78 years. The organization's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who are in need the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

“We are very appreciative of our new partnership with The Provident Bank Foundation. This grant will support our Literacy 4 R Youth program at our Sixth Street Clubhouse”, said Deb Fries-Jackson, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown. “Our goal is to provide our members with a comprehensive program designed to help develop their literacy skills and computer skills, through activities that include Homework Help, Reading Group Activities and Computer Lab support. On behalf of

our Board of Directors, staff and members, I would like to thank The Provident Bank Foundation for its commitment to the work that we do in our community.”

More information about Boys & Girls Club of Allentown is available at <http://www.bgcallentown.org/> or by calling (610) 432- 9944. 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: Boys & Girls Club of Allentown members engaged in the computer lab component of Literacy 4 R Youth program.