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The Provident Bank Foundation Supports After-School Program in Bethlehem

Community grant supports the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem's Project Learn

Bethlehem, 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 the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem with a \$2,500 community grant to support the Club's Project Learn after-school program for youth of all ages. Project Learn helps drive and enhance academic success for youth. Components of this program include: daily homework help for club members, individual or small-group tutoring to help youth gain proficiency in needed subject areas, regular implementation of high-yield learning activities (HYLAs), in which youth participate in fun, intentional activities designed to expose young people to skills and information needed for school success, school-club-family partnerships to support youth academically and recognizing all members for their academic achievements.

"Our team was thrilled to visit the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem and to be able to meet the children that Project Learn will impact," said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. "Gary Martell and his staff are admirably committed to empowering the youth of this area, and The Provident Bank Foundation is honored to be a part of the story."

The Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem provides diversified activities that meet the interests of all young people. Core programs encourage activities with adults, peers, and family members that enable kids to enhance self-esteem and fulfill their potential. Based on the physical, emotional, cultural, and social needs and interest of boys and girls, and recognizing developmental principals, the Club offers diversified program activities in six areas: character and leadership, education and career, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation and specialized programs.

"The community grant from The Provident Bank Foundation will allow the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem to continue our educational program "Project Learn" at our clubs and increase the number of students we serve", said Gary Martell, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem.

More information about Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem is available at <http://www.bgcob.org> or by calling (201) 678- 1312. 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 Bethlehem Chief Professional Officer, Gary Martell poses with Andrea Reid, public relations officer, Provident Bank and Shaunna Murphy, foundation associate, The Provident Bank Foundation and some of the club members.