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**The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Bridges Outreach
*\$5,000 Grant Supports Bridges' Project Connect Program***

Newark, NJ (May 12, 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 Bridges Outreach, Inc. with a \$5,000 grant to support case management services to the homeless population in Newark.

Veterans' services, job placement, physical and mental health clinics, and social services are among the services that are provided to homeless individuals living in the Penn Station neighborhood. Individuals will work with case managers to set attainable goals that will lead to better health, housing and ultimately independence.

"The Provident Bank Foundation is whole-heartedly committed to working with Bridges Outreach, Inc. in the Newark community," said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. "This grant enables Bridges Outreach to create better lives for the homeless in Newark."

"Since Project Connect opened its doors in March 2014, case managers have assisted over 1,600 people who are among Newark's neediest" said Lois Bhatt, executive director of Bridges Outreach. "Support from The Provident Bank Foundation will allow us to expand our reach an even greater number of people who are homeless in Newark."

More information about Bridges Outreach, Inc. is available at <http://www.bridgesoutreach.org> or by calling (908)-273-0176. 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: (L TO R) Lois Bhatt, Executive Director, Bridges Outreach, Inc.; Sakinah Abdul-Hakeem, Manager/Project Connect, Bridges Outreach, Inc.; Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation; Michael Petrucci, Vice President/Area Manager, Provident Bank