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## **The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Matheny's Arts Access Program with a \$5,000 Grant**

**PEAPACK, NJ (March 20, 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 Matheny Medical and Educational Center with a \$5,000 grant to support its Arts Access Program, which enables individuals with disabilities to freely express themselves through the arts.

Matheny is a special hospital and educational facility here for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. Arts Access provides people with physical disabilities the freedom to create in the visual, literary and performing arts. By providing artist facilitators to do those tasks physically impossible for the artists, Arts Access frees people with disabilities to express their creative visions in painting and mixed media, digital graphics and sculpture, poetry, drama, choreography and dance.

The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 with the intent of supporting not-for-profit groups, schools and other organizations that provide valuable services to the New Jersey communities served by The Provident Bank. "The Arts Access Program is truly impactful and life-changing, not only for the individuals but for the whole community," according to Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation. "The program allows these individuals to achieve their potential through the arts."

More information about Matheny Medical and Educational Center is available at <http://www.matheny.org/> or by calling (908) 234-0011. 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) Suzanne B. Cerminara, vice president, branch manager, Provident Far Hills branch; Jane A. Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation; Arts Access artist Natalia Manning; and Eileen Murray, director of the Arts Access Program. Center painting behind Kurek is an untitled work by Manning.