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The Provident Bank Foundation Supports Community One-On-One Tutoring *\$5,500 Grant Assists the Morris Educational Foundation*

Morristown, NJ (December, 30, 2014) – 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 a \$5,500 grant to the Morris Educational Foundation (MEF) in support of its community volunteer program in the Morris School District for the 2014-2015 school year. The grant will provide the necessary resources to fund the MEF's tutoring program. At Frelinghuysen Middle School, over thirty tutors work with approximately 50 children in both language arts and mathematics instruction. In addition, the program provides volunteer tutor assistance for the Academic Afterschool program at Sussex Avenue Elementary School.

“On behalf of the Board of The Provident Bank Foundation, we are pleased to provide this funding to the Morris Educational Foundation,” said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. “We are proud to invest in a program that connects our community to our schools in support of the educational achievements of our young students.”

The Morris Educational Foundation enhances educational opportunities for more than 5,000 students in all 10 schools of the Morris School District. It is the organization's mission to enrich and inspire the academic pursuits of all our students, from preschool through high school. The MEF also partners with a variety of other community organizations that work alongside the district to provide tutoring support in grades 1 – 8. The tutoring program kicked off on October 13, 2013 with a community-wide celebration and resource fair. The MEF is excited about increasing the impact of the program targeted to sixth through eighth grade students as a result of the support from The Provident Bank Foundation.

Frelinghuysen Middle School Principal David Thompson shared, “The support that tutors provide is invaluable in helping our students improve their academic skills, which translates into overall increased academic success. The tutors represent positive and successful role models who encourage our students to establish high expectations and meaningful goals for themselves. He added, “It is heartwarming to see the excitement in our students when they know that a neighbor in the community really cares about them.”

Molly Servais, Chairperson of the Morris Educational Foundation, added, “We are grateful for the generous support of The Provident Bank Foundation. The Provident Bank Foundation, as well as Provident Bank, have been longtime friends and donors and have provided resources to support innovation, community partnerships and our students’ advancement over the years.”

More information about Morris Educational Foundation is available at <http://www.morrisedfoundation.org> or by calling (973) 683-0767. 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 communities served by the Provident Bank. The Foundation supports not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other organizations that provide services in these communities. Since its founding, the Foundation has provided more than \$19 million in grants for programs focusing on education, health, wellness, recreation, the arts and social and civic services.

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Caption: Pictured center , Lucio Valerio, vice president – area manager, Provident Bank takes a moment to speak with a volunteer and student.