

## **The Provident Bank Foundation Awards \$20K ‘Impact’ Grant to Abilities of Northwest Jersey in Warren County**

*Funding to provide innovative job training to individuals with disabilities*

**WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY (SEPTEMBER 21, 2015)** – [The Provident Bank Foundation](#) has named Abilities of Northwest Jersey Inc. the recipient of the Foundation’s \$20,000 Warren County “Impact” Grant. Abilities of New Jersey was selected to receive this grant for use toward SustainAbilities, an innovative new program that provides vocational training in environmentally sustainable industries to individuals with disabilities.

“Abilities mission remains focused on improving the employability and quality of life of those we serve through innovative training programs such as SustainAbilities,” said Cynthia B. Wildermuth, CEO, Abilities of Northwest Jersey. “In selecting SustainAbilities for the Warren County ‘Impact’ Grant, The Provident Bank Foundation is making a positive difference in the lives of those with different abilities, as well as the community as a whole. We are truly appreciative and proud to accept this gift in support of our program expansion and outcomes.”



*Pictured left to right: Consumers/clients of Abilities of Northwest Jersey and Cindy Wildermuth, CEO, Abilities of Northwest Jersey oversee Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation sign the \$20,000 Impact Grant check for the organizations SustainAbilities program.*

Training and placement services will be available to individuals with disabilities, age 16 years and older, who are in need of ongoing support services in order to learn new skills and to obtain and maintain community employment.

“This grant will allow for individuals with disabilities to learn a variety of skills that will be transferable to employment opportunities in hydroponics agriculture and recycling-related industries,” said Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “This will in turn drive economic development and community enrichment through the introduction of new workers into the workforce.”



*Pictured left to right: Abilities of Northwest Jersey consumers pose in the SustainAbilities work area for a picture with Sue Zukoski, chief development officer, Abilities of Northwest Jersey; Jane Kurek, executive director, The Provident Bank Foundation; Melissa Hammer, branch manager, Provident Bank; Cindy Wildermuth, CEO, Abilities of Northwest Jersey; Michael Selvaggi, board secretary, Abilities of Northwest Jersey and Michael Nicholson, chief financial officer, Abilities of Northwest Jersey.*

More information about Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. is available at <http://www.abilitiesnw.com>, or by calling (908) 689-1118. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit [www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org](http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org).

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