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Washington, NJ – For the second consecutive year, Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. is pleased to announce the receipt of \$5,000 from the Cathay Bank Foundation for the agency’s Star program, which prepares adults with disabilities for a life of community-based employment and educational opportunities.

Star is a pilot pre-employment skill assessment, training and internship program offered to people with disabilities 18 and older. Services provided include classroom instruction, interest assessment and career exploration, job coaching and supported employment. Star is a classroom and community-based collaboration between Abilities and Warren County Community College (WCCC), with instruction provided on the WCCC campus in Washington.

“Cathay Bank Foundation has proven to be a valuable partner in assisting Abilities in its efforts to support individuals with disabilities in pursuit of their educational and employment goals,” said Abilities CEO Cynthia B. Wildermuth. “The ongoing support of Cathay Bank Foundation offers continued opportunities for success for each individual we serve, and for that, we are truly grateful.”

Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency founded in 1974 and dedicated to improving the quality of life and employability of persons with different abilities through vocational training and individualized services. Abilities provides a full array of employment and day habilitation services for individuals with disabilities and manages six program locations throughout Warren County, providing services and supports to more than 350 people daily in Warren, Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex counties. Abilities offers pre-vocational and vocational rehabilitation, student transition services, and center and community-based employment supports.

Cathay Bank Foundation’s mission is to enhance the growth and success of communities in which the bank serves, including New Jersey.