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### **Abilities Awarded \$15,000 Major Grant from The Provident Bank Foundation**

**Washington, NJ** - Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. proudly announces it has received a Major Grant in the amount of \$15,000 from [The Provident Bank Foundation](#) to support their Music & Art Enrichment Program.

The overall goal of Abilities Music & Arts program is to be able to provide a unique place that allows all individuals with different abilities an opportunity to express themselves and their emotions while participating in music and art enrichment programs.

“Imagine what it means to a person with disabilities when they are able to mold clay into art, strum a guitar or beat a drum, creating art and music with their own hands for the first time. This funding will provide fulfilling activities for the individuals we serve, and we are truly grateful for the support of The Provident Bank Foundation team,” said Cindy Wildermuth, Abilities CEO.

Abilities received the check during a presentation which included a performance by the Abilities “Rockstar” Choir, on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“The Provident Bank Foundation is honored to help further initiatives that are making a difference in the lives of residents in our local area,” said Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “We are pleased to support organizations that contribute to a sense of community and offer a diverse set of programs that make people healthier, happier and safer.”

The goal of the Major Grant is to support organizations that have identified an immediate need in the community and for the individuals they serve. The Provident Bank Foundation’s funding directly supports efforts to enhance the quality of life in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania communities served by Provident Bank through three Funding Priority Areas: Community Enrichment, Education, and Health, Youth & Families.

For more information about Abilities visit [www.abilities.org](http://www.abilities.org).

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#### **About Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc.**

Abilities of Northwest Jersey is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the employability and quality of life for people with different abilities by providing training and

individualized services. Incorporated in 1974, Abilities works diligently to create an inclusive community where individuals with different abilities are given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential in life.

### **About The Provident Bank Foundation**

The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 by Provident Bank to enhance the quality of life in the region through support of not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other 501(c)(3) organizations that provide services in communities served by the Bank. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$25 million to not-for-profit organizations and institutions working toward stronger communities. For more information, visit [www.the Provident Bank Foundation.org](http://www.the Provident Bank Foundation.org) or call (862) 260-3990.

Pictured left to right: Patricia Evans, Abilities Music Developer, Samantha Plotino, ~~Provident Bank~~ Foundation Associate of The Provident Bank Foundation, Emma Rimi, Abilities Art Instructor, Cindy Wildermuth, Abilities CEO, Jane Kurek, Executive Director of The Provident Bank Foundation ~~Executive Director~~, and Abilities “Rockstars”, Lenora, Hannah and Peter.