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Community Treatment Solutions Fundraises for New Center
Investors Bank Grants \$7,500 for Arts & Recreation Center

SHORT HILLS, New Jersey – Abused and neglected children and youth soon will have another way to express themselves, thanks in part to two grants totaling \$7,500 from the Investors Foundation and the Roma Bank Community Foundation to Community Treatment Solutions (CTS). The non-profit organization currently is fundraising to build its own arts and recreational center for the children and youth enrolled in its many programs and, in the meantime, will be renting the Kingsway Learning Center facility in Moorestown for the same purpose.

“The reality is most of the kids who come to us have a long history of abuse and trauma, and they come to us as an alternative to psychiatric help,” said Susan Buchwald, President and CEO of CTS. “Kids have to go at their own pace, and that’s why this arts and recreation center is so important. It’s an alternative way for them to express their history without having to re-say it.”

CTS will begin to use the Kingsway Learning Center after school and on weekends on January 15. Buchwald says CTS, a mission-driven and strengths-based organization, is about halfway toward completing its fundraising goal for building its own center – the Elise Nocella Arts and Recreation Center - thanks in part to the grant from Investors Bank. It will be a safe space where kids can participate in, create, and enjoy the arts, theatre, music, and sports.

CTS applied for the grants from the foundations, which support non-profit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank (Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in December 2013).

“You don’t realize the severity of the situation and the effect an organization is having until you speak to those involved,” said Carmine Pannullo, a Senior Market Manager for Investors Bank. “You have to be a special kind of person to deal with the children and youth who come to Community Treatment Solutions. I truly commend what their staff is doing.”

The non-profit works with New Jersey children and youth ages five to 21 who may have been involved in human trafficking, display signs of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and have been abused or traumatized for their entire lives. CTS offers community-based group homes and therapeutic treatment homes. Most stay with the program for about a year before returning home, being adopted, or transitioning to independent living. The goal, according to Buchwald, is permanency. The non-profit also offers intensive clinical services, family therapy, outpatient mental health services, specialty services, and much more.

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“We operate out of heart, and we’re absolutely sure our kids are getting better. We’re not here for anything else,” said Buchwald. “It’s all about the kids and their families getting better.”

“It is difficult just to hear some of the stories of the children at Community Treatment Solutions,” said Pedro Figueroa, Investors Bank Assistant Vice President/Mount Laurel Branch Manager. “That is why I am honored to help the organization in its mission to get these children and youth on the right path.”

Photo Caption: Susan Buchwald, President and CEO of Community Treatment Solutions, accepts one of two checks from Investors Bank representatives Carmine Pannullo, a Senior Market Manager, left, and Pedro Figueroa, Assistant Vice President/Mount Laurel Branch Manager.

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About Community Treatment Solutions (CTS)

Since 1990, Community Treatment Solutions has provided clinically intensive, community-focused and individualized services to children, youth, and their families in South Jersey. The non-profit is dedicated to providing services to children and youth who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect, and to families who need new tools and resources to parent. The organization is strengths-based and mission-driven, with deep roots and an unwavering commitment to the communities it serves. For more information, visit www.ctsnj.org.