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## **Investors Bank Grants Support Local Families in Tri-County Area *Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service Receive \$5,000***

**SHORT HILLS, New Jersey** – Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey (JFCS) will be able to feed more of those who need assistance in Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties, thanks in part to two \$2,500 grants, one from Investors Bank Foundation and one from Roma Bank Community Foundation. The grants will be used to support the JFCS' Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantries, which assist clients who are experiencing financial difficulties, by providing fresh and non-perishable food and personal care products.

"JFCS is truly grateful for the donation from Investors Bank. These funds will assist the agency in serving 10,000 clients this year, many of whom are food insecure and in need of domestic support, throughout Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties," said Marla Meyers, JFCS Executive Director. "These services provide critical support for our neighbors who are dealing with financial crisis, job loss, mental health issues and violence within the home, enabling them to focus on building a strong and independent future. We are thankful for our partnership with Investors Bank, who shares in our mission of helping people in times of challenge."

JFCS applied for the grant from the Investors Foundation, which supports non-profit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank; Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in early 2014.

"Investors Bank understands the challenges that many families face, particularly during uncertain economic times and during family crises," said Carmine Pannullo, a Senior Market Manager for Investors Bank. "We are happy to be able to assist JFCS in its efforts to feed the community."

In addition to its food pantries, JFCS provides comprehensive mental health counseling and support groups, covering a range of issues, including divorce/separation, bereavement, depression, anxiety, and chronic mental illness. Licensed professionals assist South Jersey residents of all faiths and economic backgrounds in Camden, Burlington and Gloucester Counties. JFCS also provides comprehensive programming for individuals with special needs, so that they can achieve their highest potential, and lead more independent and fulfilled lives as citizens of South Jersey. Additionally, the agency offers programming for seniors, including numerous in-home services to help the aging population enjoy their golden years, gracefully and independently, at home. That program offers healthcare and wellness support, valuable resources, transportation, social groups to help maintain community connections, and offers services and resources for families and caregivers.

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## **Photo Captions:**

Photo 1 – Investors Bank representatives Marylynn Harkinson, Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager – Cherry Hill, far left, and Carmine Pannullo, Senior Market Manager, second from left, present JFCS representatives Marla Meyers, Executive Director, and Beth Wynne, Director of Institutional Advancement, with a \$2,500 check from the Roma Bank Community Foundation.

Photo 2 - Investors Bank representatives Carmine Pannullo, Senior Market Manager (far right), and Marylynn Harkinson, Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager – Cherry Hill Office (far left), present JFCS representatives Marla Meyers, Executive Director, and Beth Wynne, Director of Institutional Advancement, with a \$2,500 check from The Investors Bank Foundation.

## **About Investors Bank**

Investors Bank is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With more than \$20.04 billion in assets and more than 130 retail branches in New Jersey, New York City and Long Island, Investors Bank delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors' consumer banking services include complete deposit products, online banking, home equity loans and lines of credit and a full array of mortgage loans. Serving the business community, Investors provides deposit accounts, cash management services, business loans and lines of credit, and commercial real estate financing solutions to small and middle market companies, professional services firms, municipalities and other businesses. Investors Bank is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

## **About Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey**

For more than 70 years, Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey (JFCS) has been providing comprehensive, caring social services to South Jersey residents of all ages, faiths, and economic backgrounds - strengthening the individual, the family, and the community. JFCS helps the most vulnerable community members meet the challenges and overcome the obstacles that often arise during the course of daily living. JFCS services are available to residents of Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties in Southern New Jersey. JFCS is a 501(c) 3 non-profit social service agency and an agency of Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey. JFCS receives funding from the Federation Annual Campaign, the Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation, the Jewish Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, donations and fees. JFCS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Family & Children's Agencies (COA) and is a member of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA).