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**OTC Residential Home Provides Housing and Care
for Women with Disabilities**
Investors Bank Grants \$7,500 for Renovations

SHORT HILLS, New Jersey – Four adult women with disabilities have a newly renovated home in Marlton, thanks in part to two grants from the Investors Bank Foundation and the Roma Bank Community Foundation.

The Occupational Training Center of Burlington County purchased the home in 2014, and has renovated it to provide housing, care and specialized assistance, 24 hours a day/seven days a week for these women. “The grants from Investors Bank have enabled us to complete interior and exterior renovations, including addressing accessibility with wheelchair ramps, etc.,” said OTC Executive Director, Joseph S. Bender.

The OTC 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.

“This Resident Home provides women who have lived in developmental centers with an opportunity to live in the community,” said Alfred C. Cascarina, President of the OTC Board of Trustees. “Not only does it provide housing and care,” said Cascarina, “but offers an opportunity to provide as normal a life as possible for women who otherwise might not have the opportunity to be integrated into the community.”

Some of the women living in the home have family living nearby, but were living in a developmental center because their families were unable to provide the around-the-clock care they required. None of the women are able to live by themselves.

“Investors Bank is committed to the communities where our customers and employees live and work,” said Carmine Pannullo, an Investors Bank Senior Market Manager. “We think everyone deserves an opportunity to have a home where they are comfortable, safe, and able to be part of the community.”

Bender said that one of the provisions of the recent Homestead Act is to reduce the number of developmental centers in New Jersey, which will increase the need for homes in the community to accommodate those who are displaced.

Investors’ Pedro Figueroa, Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager – Mt. Laurel Office, said, “The OTC of Burlington County has been providing opportunities for adults with disabilities for 50 years. The opening of its second Residential House further exemplifies its commitment to the communities it serves. Investors Bank is proud to support the OTC of Burlington County.”

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Photo 1 – Investors Bank representatives Pedro Figueroa, Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager – Mt. Laurel Office (center, left) and Senior Market Manager Carmine Pannullo (center, right) present the Occupational Training Center of Burlington County with a check for \$5,000 from the Roma Community Bank Foundation. Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in December 2013. OTC Executive Director, Joseph S. Bender (left) and Alfred C. Cascarina, President of the OTC Board of Trustees (right) accepted the grant.

Photo 2 – Investors Bank representatives Pedro Figueroa, Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager – Mt. Laurel Office (center, left) and Senior Market Manager Carmine Pannullo (center, right) present the Occupational Training Center of Burlington County with a check for \$2,500 from the Investors Bank Foundation. OTC Executive Director, Joseph S. Bender (left) and Alfred C. Cascarina, President of the OTC Board of Trustees (right) accepted the grant.

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About Occupational Training Center of Burlington County

Organized in 1964, The Occupational Training Center of Burlington County is now celebrating 50 years providing vocational training and work opportunities for adults with disabilities in a safe and supportive environment. The OTC began with eight parents and volunteers in Moorestown with the goal of providing vocational training and work for their children. Today, OTC provides the most diverse vocational training and work programs in South Jersey to more than 500 individuals with disabilities. Individuals are able to choose from bench assembly, janitorial, foodservice, recycling, clerical, and grounds maintenance vocational opportunities. All training programs include wages and the OTC provides transportation to about 90% of the adults in its programs. The training programs include a number of federal contracts which not only expand the number of jobs for adults with disabilities, but they provide very competitive wages which enable Intellectually Disabled (ID) adults to live as productive working members of their communities.