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Meridian Bank Donates \$7,500 to Family Service



Meridian Bank, a locally based and managed bank with locations throughout the region, recently donated \$7,500 to Family Service Association of Bucks County, a non-profit organization that served more than 26,000 people last year.

Since 1953, Family Service has been helping children and families improve their lives, doing whatever it takes to help them overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. The organization provides mental health treatment, recovery support, emergency shelter, parent education, suicide prevention services and more.

“At Meridian, it is our privilege to help strengthen and grow the communities we serve,” said Christopher J. Annas, founder, Chairman, President and CEO of Meridian Bank. “We partner with organizations including Family Service to enhance local economies, build thriving communities and make a difference in the lives of the people we touch.”

Meridian Bank's donation will support the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, a program of Family Service. The shelter is a temporary residence for individuals and families who have lost safe and stable housing. The 24-hour shelter houses approximately 75 people at any given time with on-site services such as case management, counseling, budgeting, job search resources and health education.

The funds from Meridian Bank will help provide a Nurse Educator on-site at the shelter four days a week, giving residents access to health evaluations where they can be referred to physicians as necessary.

"We expect residents to work hard, alongside our staff, to get back on their feet. But many come here with unaddressed physical health needs that impede their ability to focus on other challenges," shares Murielle Kelly, Family Service Director of Housing Services. "Residents need to first be physically healthy so they can then shift their focus to job searches, savings, childcare and affordable housing."

A Nurse Educator's role is to promote wellness through health, nutrition and medication education, as well as to aid shelter residents in overcoming health barriers to finding and maintaining housing.

"We are pleased to partner with Meridian Bank to provide this service that is critical to the well being of the residents at the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter," said Marlene Piasecki, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Family Service. "The bank is clearly dedicated to investing in the Bucks County community to ensure that all residents have access to the services they need."

To learn more about Family Service and the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, visit www.fsabc.org.

Photo Caption: (Left to Right) Murielle Kelly, Family Service Director of Housing Services; Chris Godshall, VP Commercial Lending at Meridian Bank; Aliese Rosado, Business Development Officer at Meridian Bank; and Marlene Piasecki, Family Service Interim CEO.

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Family Service Association of Bucks County is a nonprofit social service organization with locations throughout Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Family Service's mission is to listen, care and help. Every day. For nearly 65 years, Family Service has been improving the lives of children and their families, doing whatever it takes to help them overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. Visit www.fsabc.org to donate, volunteer or learn more about how Family Service helped more than 26,000 children, teens and adults last year.

Meridian is an innovative and entrepreneurial community bank serving businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs in the tri-state area. Headquartered in Malvern, Meridian serves Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware with a comprehensive suite of financial products and services. In addition to a robust business banking platform, Meridian offers commercial and consumer real estate financing, residential mortgages, investment and wealth management services, retail banking and electronic payments processing. Since Meridian's founding in 2004 they have donated more than \$3 million to nonprofit organizations and civic institutions in the region, part of their unwavering commitment to enriching the communities they serve.