

ORITANIBANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$2,500 TO BERGEN COUNTY'S UNITED WAY COOL HOMES PROGRAM

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Township of Washington, NJ - May 27, 2010- The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation recently presented a \$2,500 grant to Bergen County's United Way in support of their Cool Homes Program. The Cool Homes Program provides window air conditioning units to low-income county residents whose health is adversely affected by high summer temperatures and humidity. The grant will allow the program to purchase and install 35 air conditioning units to help mitigate heat-related illness in Bergen County.

The Cool Homes Program addresses the needs of the very young, the elderly, and those with chronic diseases who are exposed to heat-related health risks when the temperatures rise above 90°F, resulting in increased emergency room visits and hospital admissions. "This program shows how local businesses and organizations can work together to provide direct, concrete solutions to problems in our community and exemplifies the type of project the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation was founded to support," said Kevin J. Lynch, President of the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation and Chairman, President and CEO of Oritani Bank. "We encourage others to join us in helping the Cool Homes Program and similar initiatives offering tangible assistance to our most vulnerable residents."

Bergen County's United Way has been one of the largest charitable organizations in our community for the last 50

years. The organization leads organized efforts that provide concrete solutions to critical community problems - through 2-1-1 its 24/7 helpline, the Compassion Fund and initiatives such as Starter Homes for working poor families and Housing Works to end homelessness. The Cool Homes Program was launched in 2009 as part of its Compassion Fund, to provide help with basic necessities for people in need. For more information, call 2-1-1.

The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation was established in 2007 to assist not-for-profit organizations that help to improve the quality of life for residents in Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic counties. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated \$1.25 million dollars to local charitable organizations, primarily in support of education, health & human services, youth programs, and affordable housing.

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