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## INVESTORS MAKES IT POSSIBLE AGAIN FOR HABITAT PROJECT IN PERTH AMBOY P.A.R.T.N.E.R and Morris Habitat of Humanity to build second single family home to resident family

**PERTH AMBOY** – March 14, 2016 - The Investors Foundation, a nonprofit arm of Investors Bank, awarded a \$30,000 grant to the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) to launch the second Habitat project in Perth Amboy, NJ. P.A.R.T.N.E.R. will use the grant fund for the initial purchase the property.

P.A.R.T.N.E.R. has once again formed a partnership with Morris Habitat for Humanity to bring another successful project to Perth Amboy and build a second Habitat for Humanity affordable home on 400 Lawrie Street. This project will provide a low income family with the opportunity to participate in the building of their home and to purchase the home with a no interest loan. P.A.R.T.N.E.R. has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Morris of Habitat for Humanity who will be involved to build the home, help raise the funds, and recruit construction volunteers for the project.

"Investors Foundation's commitment to community support and philanthropy is sincerely appreciated," said P.A.R.T.N.E.R.'s Executive Director, Douglas G. Dzema. "We are honored to be receive this grant and Investors Foundation for their longstanding pledge in giving back to the community of Perth Amboy." This is Investors Foundation second collaboration with P.A.R.T.N.E.R. In July 2011, when P.A.R.T.N.E.R. was looking for sources to help fund the purchase of the property at 440 Lawrie Street, it was Investors Foundation who awarded a \$20,000 grant to complete its purchase.

"This initiative exemplifies what it means to be part of a community," said Hector Motta, Branch Manager for Investors Bank in Perth Amboy. "Investors Bank, its employees, and its charitable foundation are glad to play a role in help make a better and brighter tomorrow for another family."

The Investors Foundation, established in 2005, seeks to enhance and improve the lives of residents in the communities Investors Bank serves. Investors Foundation compliments Investors Bank's pledge to give back to the community — a commitment that includes employee volunteerism, participation in donation drives for the needy, and the coordination of local health and wellness screenings. The Investors Foundation has helped Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in need; supported programs that provide youths with educational opportunities in the arts, music, and science; built playgrounds for children in economically challenged neighborhoods; funded the installation of new educational technologies in schools and community colleges; and allowed children of low-income families to attend summer camp. Investors Foundation grants focus on community organizations.

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Photo Caption: Hector Motta, Investors Bank Branch Manager of Perth Amboy with check presentation of 1st installment to Douglas G. Dzema, Executive Director, P.A.R.T.N.E.R.

# About the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (PARTNER)

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) is a 501 C3 non-profit organization established by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy in 2003. PARTNER is committed to creating housing services and economic opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals. Services include, but not limited to job training, career counseling, employment opportunities, job skills, budgeting, housing counseling, and stress management. These services are offered to support individuals become economically independent. For more information, visit <u>www.partnernj.org</u>

## About Investors Bank

Investors Bank is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$20.4 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.