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**The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton receives grant of \$100,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

(TRENTON)—The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a grant of \$100,000 to support the Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Development initiatives of the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton. The Crisis Ministry serves low-income households across Mercer County.

“We are honored to receive this extraordinary support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,” said Carolyn Biondi, Interim Executive Director of the Crisis Ministry. “This grant will help us provide a path to stability for more of the families that come to us in need during this extended period of economic uncertainty.”

A portion of the 2011 RWJ Foundation grant will increase, by \$40,000, the resources available to families threatened with the shut-off of vital utilities such as water, electricity, and gas. The grant also provides for increased staffing to improve the effectiveness of the organization’s service to low-income clients.

The Crisis Ministry, a non-profit, 501(c) 3 program, partners with the community to achieve stability for neighbors in need. It was founded in 1980 by Princeton’s Nassau Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, and now serves people from over 1,400 low-income households each month that seek access to healthy food or homelessness prevention assistance. The organization’s workforce training and job search program serves upwards of 15 men and women per quarter. With partner Capital Health System, the Crisis Ministry offers bimonthly health screenings for seniors and low-income clients.

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