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**J. Seward Johnson, Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust Awards Endowment to the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton**

(TRENTON)—The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton has been awarded an endowment grant by the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust for \$250,000. The endowment will fund in perpetuity the salary of the organization’s Princeton office director. The position will be named the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Community Social Worker.

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel, executive director of the Crisis Ministry, said, “We are honored and humbled by the legacy of generosity and philanthropy demonstrated by J. Seward Johnson, Sr., through his establishment of the 1963 Charitable Trust. It is especially meaningful that this endowment comes to us in our 30<sup>th</sup> year of serving neighbors in need in our original Princeton location as well as in Trenton.”

In addition to its facility in Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau St. in Princeton, the Crisis Ministry operates a pantry and main offices in downtown Trenton. Both locations welcome individuals in need who seek healthy food and housing stabilization assistance. The Trenton location also is home to the organization’s workforce development program Harvesting Hope.

The Crisis Ministry was founded as a joint initiative of clergy and lay leaders from Nassau Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton and today counts among its active partners more than 60 congregations of different faiths, businesses, private foundations, schools and colleges, hundreds of volunteers and individual donors, and the public sector. A non-profit, 501(c)3 program, the Crisis Ministry partners with the community to achieve stability for neighbors in need. It welcomes some 1,400 individuals and families each month who seek food and/or emergency assistance for rent and security deposits, and utilities. The Crisis Ministry provides workforce training for approximately 60 adults per year and, with Capital Health

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