

BNY Mellon Donates \$50,000 to MercyFirst's Bridges to the Future Program

MercyFirst is pleased to announce that BNY Mellon has donated \$50,000 to support its Bridges to the Future Program. MercyFirst's innovative Bridges to the Future Program provides today's struggling youth with the support and skills they need for the bright future they are capable of achieving. The initiative supports underprivileged kids as they complete their education, develop workforce skills and prepare for the future.

"We are committed to helping our older foster youth succeed in life after they leave our care. This grant is a vote of confidence by BNY Mellon in MercyFirst and our Bridges to the Future initiative. Bridges assists our youth to learn the life skills they need, to secure housing they can afford and attend college or vocational school until they graduate. We are most pleased and very proud of their support," explained MercyFirst president/CEO Gerard McCaffery.

Headquartered in Syosset, MercyFirst is a not-for-profit human service agency founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1894. MercyFirst provides an integrated continuum of care for over 4,000 traumatized and neglected children, teenagers and their families at nearly 20 sites throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. MercyFirst's range of programs include family support and after-school programs, foster homes and adoption services, community group homes, campus-based residential treatment and medical and mental health services, as well as the innovative Bridges to the Future, a range of specialized support services offering skills training and hands-on work experience to help teen and young adult clients learn to be self-sufficient.

