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## MercyFirst Receives \$20K JP Morgan Chase Donation



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MercyFirst has received a \$20,000 donation from the JP Morgan Chase Foundation 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 under-privileged kids as they complete their education, develop workforce skills and prepare for the future.

"Through our Bridges to the Future program, MercyFirst is committed to helping our older foster youth succeed in life after they leave our care," explains MercyFirst CEO Gerard McCaffery. "This grant is a vote of confidence by JP Morgan Chase in this initiative to assist our youth to learn the life skills they need, to secure housing they can afford and attend college or vocational school until they graduate."

Headquartered in Syosset, NY, 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 help our teen and young adult clients learn to be self-sufficient.