

Community Development Block Grant Awarded to The Kent Center

March 23, 2015 – On March 18, Mayor of Warwick Scott Avedisian informed The Kent Center that it had been awarded Community Development Block Grant Funding in the amount of \$14,628. The funding will be used to provide comprehensive behavioral health services to Victims of Trauma from Warwick, Rhode Island.

“The City of Warwick is proud to support your organization’s outstanding work,” Avedisian stated in his letter to David S. Lauterbach, President and CEO of The Kent Center. “Pm behalf of the many residents who benefit from your programs and services, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our community.”

The Victim of Trauma Program was created to help individuals impacted by traumatic events including domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, physical assault, and childhood physical and/or sexual abuse. Participants must have survived a traumatic experience, demonstrate a clinical need for services, possess very low, low, or moderate income level, lack the insurance necessary to cover services, and be residents of Warwick, Rhode Island.

Survivors of trauma who are unable to pay for the services they require to recover from their experiences often lack the tools they need to maintain healthy levels of self-care, make good lifestyle choices, create strong relationships, and maintain employment or housing. This program, led by Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Program Manager Tamra Ringeling, PSYD, will provide them with the opportunity to get the help them get the skills they need to recover so they can improve their quality of life.