

## **Santander Bank Awards \$70,000 to JVS's Financial Opportunity Center**

BOSTON (December 8, 2015) – Santander Bank has awarded \$70,000 to Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) to expand its intensive financial coaching services and tax preparation services, both of which are free to participants. These funds will allow JVS to provide financial coaching to an additional 150 clients and add staff to increase tax preparation capacity.

JVS's Financial Opportunity Center (as designated by United Way and LISC) offers services ranging from financial education workshops to more intensive one-on-one financial coaching, public benefits counseling, and Earned Income Tax Credit preparation. This Center utilizes an effective, research-based model of bundling workforce development, income supports, and financial coaching to increase employment placement and retention, as well as increase net worth.

“Support from Santander Bank allows us to significantly increase our Financial Opportunity Center’s capacity,” said Doreen Treacy, Vice President of Career Services at JVS. “This grant will directly assist with economically advancing 150 additional families.”

The Santander Bank Charitable Contributions Program serves as Santander Bank’s philanthropic arm, investing in programs that make a measurable difference for underserved individuals and communities in the Northeast.

**Jewish Vocational Service:** Founded in 1938, JVS’s employment, skills training, and educational services help individuals with barriers to employment enter and advance in the workplace. JVS also provides on-site career ladder services in partnership with over 20 businesses. Last year, over 1,700 JVS clients found a job, and another 1,200 incumbent workers accessed career ladder services at their place of employment. For more information please visit [www.jvs-boston.org](http://www.jvs-boston.org).

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