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### **Ridgewood Savings Bank employees “brighten the day” for residents of the Mercy Home**

**Ridgewood, N.Y. – February 1, 2018** - Continuing their commitment to “multiply the good,” a group of Ridgewood Savings Bank employees donned their painter’s caps to help those living with developmental disabilities.

Located in Williamsburg, the Mercy Home Santulli residence is home to a group of disadvantaged women, many of whom use the property as their primary creative and recreational outlet. Ridgewood employees worked with Mercy Home to update Santulli’s living and rec areas, brightening them up with vibrant, environmentally friendly paint colors. They also aided in the creation of a sensory activity center designed to help improve thought development and enhance social skills in people with intellectual and development disabilities.

Janice Aris, Executive Director of Mercy Home, stated that “Mercy Home shines a little brighter today because of the work of the Ridgewood Savings Bank volunteers, not only from new coats of paint, but also from the fun and laughter they brought that day, brightening lives of the women living at Richard Santulli Residence.”

“The way our employees volunteer their services to make a difference in the communities they serve inspires me every day,” said Leonard Stekol, President, Chairman and CEO of Ridgewood Savings Bank.

Ridgewood employees participated in this event as part of the ‘Spirit of Ridgewood,’ a program the bank instituted in 2004 to encourage employee volunteerism through local organizations.

Ridgewood Savings Bank employees and family members raised over \$964,000 for more than 100 local charities in 2017. Employee time donated for last year amounted to over 2,400 hours.

“We plan to make this year more successful than ever and will continue our mission to multiply the good in every community we serve,” continued Mr. Stekol.

### **About Ridgewood Savings Bank**

Ridgewood Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State. With over \$5.3 billion in assets, Ridgewood operates 35 branches across New York City's five boroughs, Long Island and Westchester and a mobile branch that serves 23 assisted living facilities. With a community-focused approach to banking, Ridgewood plans to open new branches and increase services in the years to come. The continued growth and success of Ridgewood Savings Bank speaks to the power of what can happen when you multiply the good.

### **About Mercy Home for Children**

Mercy Home for Children is an American nonprofit organization committed to providing essential services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Since 1862, their mission has been to ensure the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through the recognition that each person's inherent dignity and right to a life filled with learning and love.

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