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Ridgewood Savings Bank and the New York Islanders donate more than \$25,000 to two local charities through “Save with Ridgewood” program.

This NHL season, Ridgewood Savings Bank sponsored a program called “Save with Ridgewood” to support Gateway Youth Outreach and IMPACCT Brooklyn with every save made by New York Islanders goalies.

Ridgewood, N.Y., April 9, 2016 – Ridgewood Savings Bank teamed up with the New York Islanders to benefit two local charities by donating \$10 for every save made by an Islanders goalie during the 2015-16 season. After 2,241 saves, the program, called “Save with Ridgewood,” netted checks of \$12,695 each to Gateway Youth Outreach and IMPACCT Brooklyn, two charities selected by Ridgewood to help in their missions and good works throughout Brooklyn & Nassau County.

“We work with many worthy causes in the communities we serve, however these particular charities were chosen specifically for their impact in each of the areas they serve in Nassau and Brooklyn” said Christopher F. Smith, Ridgewood Savings Bank’s Vice President & CRA Officer. Gateway Youth Outreach (GYO) is based in Elmont, NY serving the needs of Nassau county communities that help young people and families with counseling, summer programs, and after school homework assistance programs. IMPACCT Brooklyn creates and preserves affordable housing, and prevents displacement to enhance the economic, racial and cultural diversity of Central Brooklyn. “Additionally each charity promotes financial literacy,” said Smith, “an endeavor that we promote in all our communities.”

Pat Boyle, GYO Executive Director, stated, “We could not be more pleased with this opportunity to share and promote our cause of helping kids and families while being associated with a caring bank like Ridgewood Savings Bank as well as the New York Islanders. Having Ridgewood Savings Bank recognize the importance of housing in our communities says that what we are doing is meaningful. We are very excited to receive the support and recognition of Ridgewood Savings Bank as we work to advance our mission in the communities we serve.” said Deborah Howard, Executive Director, IMPACCT Brooklyn.

Throughout the year, the Islanders’ website (www.newyorkislanders.com/RSBsave) tracked the number of saves made and translated it into dollars pledged so that fans could

track the donation as the season progressed. Leonard Stekol, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Ridgewood Savings Bank commented, "This was an exciting program for our bank and the communities we serve. We were able to donate \$22,410 to these charities through goals saved, along with an additional \$2,980 that the Islanders raised through tickets sales." At the end of the post-season, additional funds will be donated based on the final amount of saves made by the Islanders.

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, with over \$5 billion dollars in assets. With 35 branches in the New York area, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve its community as it did in 1921, with their continued focus always on their customers.

About IMPACCT Brooklyn

Now in its 52nd year, IMPACCT Brooklyn (formerly Pratt Area Community Council) is one of Brooklyn's premier community development corporations serving Central Brooklyn. The organization works hand-in-hand with low and moderate-income community members and stakeholders to preserve, develop and market affordable housing. They aim to create homeownership opportunities, protect tenant rights, combat predatory lending practices and prevent home-loss. In addition, they focus on promoting commercial revitalization, strengthening small local businesses and improving the financial wellbeing of community residents through education and counseling.

About GYO

Gateway Youth Outreach Inc. (GYO) is a non-profit, voluntary and community-based organization that provides many services to the youth in the Sewanhaka Central High School District and the communities around it. GYO enhances the community's efforts to provide an environment where adolescents can develop self-awareness while engaged in productive and healthy pursuits. Caring professionals provide services and counseling to help implement GYO's youth development goals.

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Pictured from Left to right:

Christopher F. Smith, Ridgewood Savings Bank's Vice President & CRA Officer

Pat Boyle, GYO Executive Director

Leonard Stekol, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Deb Howard, Executive Director, IMPACCT Brooklyn

Matt Schettino, Director of Marketing, Ridgewood Savings Bank