

Warwick Rotary Club Presents \$1,200 Grant to The Kent Center

June 10, 2015 –Stephen M. Montaquila, OD, Chair of the Warwick Rotary Charity Committee, presented The Kent Center with a grant in the amount of \$1,200 on Thursday, June 10. The funding will be used to install handicapped door access to TKC's 2756 Post Road location, which houses its administrative offices, Community Support Services, Youth and Family Services, Psychiatric Services, Human Resources, Transportation Services, and Housing and Facility departments.

The Kent Center's COO Elisabeth Kornblee and Development Director Sarah Channing were presented with the check at a Warwick Rotary meeting at Chelo's Restaurant. "When I took this position a year and a half ago, I asked staff what they would change at The Kent Center if they had the funds," said Sarah Channing. "Many of them told me they would install automatic access at our Post Road facility. The large glass doors are too heavy for many Kent Center clients to open without assistance. This generous gift will enable us to bring this dream to fruition, while lowering the stress of individuals on their way to behavioral health or housing appointments."

Other grant recipients included the Boys and Girls Club of Warwick, Happiness Blooms, RI Mentoring Partnership, West Bay Community Action, Artist Exchange, House of Hope, and Cornerstone Adult Services.

In his notification letter, Dr. Montaquila's stated "The committee felt that the project was not only very important, but fit the criteria well." The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.