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**PROVIDENCE SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER RECEIVES \$15,000 GRANT FROM  
CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK**

*Gift helps provide Speech and Hearing Services for Low-Income Patients*

ORANGE, Calif. – August 26, 2015 – **Providence Speech and Hearing Center** has been awarded \$15,000 from **Citizens Business Bank** to provide vital speech and hearing services for patients from low-income families, all of whom are uninsured or under-insured and have no other option for these services.

Citizens Business Bank held its 31st annual Charity Golf Classic on June 20, 2016 at El Niguel Country Club in Laguna Niguel. The tournament raised approximately \$60,000 to benefit Mission Hospital Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, and Providence Speech and Hearing Center. “The Charity Golf Classic is a way for both our customers and associates to show their support of the local community and some of the most respected nonprofit organizations in the greater Orange County area,” said **Christopher D. Myers**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Business Bank.

"We are honored to be a beneficiary of the Citizens Business Bank Charity Golf Classic and beyond grateful for the Bank's continued support of Providence. These funds help make an enormous difference in the lives of the low-income patients we are so privileged to serve," said **Linda H. Smith**, RN, BSN, PHN, Providence Speech and Hearing Center Chief Executive Officer.

Providence Speech and Hearing Center continues to grow and serve more patients each day. In 2015, the organization completed 108,034 speech, language, and hearing appointments; 64% of those were for patients from low-income families. Community support like that from Citizens Business Bank helps ensure that no patient is turned away due to the inability to pay.

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**About Providence Speech and Hearing Center**

Providence was founded in 1965 to provide Audiology and Hearing Care and Speech-Language Pathology to all those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. What began in a single room at a local hospital has grown to become one of the largest clinics of its kind in the country. Providence strives to achieve its mission of “*Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing*” by continually providing the highest quality services in the identification, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of speech, language, and hearing disorders for persons of all ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Today, Providence is the leading service provider to the speech and hearing impaired of Orange County, providing nearly 110,000 patient visits annually.

To find ways to donate, visit [www.pshc.org/donate-now](http://www.pshc.org/donate-now); to volunteer, contact Allison Meskimen at (714) 602-2924; for media inquiries, contact Kathy Corpuz at (949) 600-9967, or email [kcorpuz@pshc.org](mailto:kcorpuz@pshc.org).