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***Community Justice Center Receives Fall 2014 Award from  
I Am Trenton Community Foundation***

**Trenton, NJ** – The Community Justice Center is excited to announce that it has received a Fall 2014 grant from the **I Am Trenton Community Foundation**, a community foundation seeking to make Trenton better through community engagement, increased city pride, and community-focused giving. The Community Justice Center is one of nine organizations chosen to receive funding for 2014. In line with its mission of *Encouraging the Empowerment, Resiliency, and Rights of Those Struggling with Disabilities, by Providing the Essential Ingredients of Legal Education, Outreach, Advocacy, and Representation*, the funds will be used to sustain participation in Trenton community events and collaborative efforts with local service providers.

“I Am Trenton Community Foundation’s sentiment that ‘grassroots organizations and entrepreneurial individuals can be the key to great change’ is mirrored in the evolution, mission, and work of the Community Justice Center. We are thrilled to be recognized in and by our own backyard,” said Executive Director, Melissa A. Gertz, Esq.

The Community Justice Center is a legal services non-profit serving the low-income disabled, with an emphasis on the homeless and veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (“TBI”) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (“PTSD”). It opened its doors in Trenton in March 2009, and currently serves Mercer County and its surrounding areas, providing legal education and representation before the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs. By helping provide the disabled with legal education and the financial stability to focus on their health, and improved access to service providers, the Community Justice Center is transforming lives—not merely by providing legal assistance, but by providing something far more priceless: hope. In the past 5 years, it has fully represented over 350 clients – many of whom live in Trenton – and has helped hundreds of others through referrals and brief service.

I Am Trenton Community Foundation awards grants to agencies, organizations or individuals in Trenton that serve Trenton residents. Its overall goal is to support organizations that improve the community and that add to the quality of life for Trenton residents. For more information, please visit [www.iamtrenton.org](http://www.iamtrenton.org), or contact Dan Fatton | 908.303.4546