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## **Oasis to Launch American Bankers Association Bank Teller Certificate and Job Training Program on September 21**

PATERSON, NJ – Through the generous support of Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Oasis is launching another free certificate program for women – the American Bankers Association Bank Teller Certificate Program.

The 9-week program begins on Monday, September 21 and runs through Friday, November 20. Class is from 9:30am-11am each day when Paterson Public Schools are in session. Students will cover eight topics as part of the curriculum – Banking Today; Dealing Effectively with Co-Workers; Effective Client Referrals; Essentials of Workplace Conduct; Ethical Issues for Bankers; Introduction to Relationship Selling; Revitalizing Customer Service; and Teller Basics. The program will also include guest lectures from bankers in the community, as well as visits to local branches for tours and conversations.

“The programs of Oasis are focused on helping women rise out of poverty, and this new certificate program continues in that tradition,” noted Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady. “Bank teller positions are great entry level jobs right in our community for women who might require flexibility for their family responsibilities. And there is certainly room for growth and success in a long-term career. We are very grateful for the support of Boiling Springs Savings Bank in helping us launch this new endeavor.”

The certificate program is a culmination of volunteer efforts by two Vice Presidents at Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Theresa O’Keefe and Debra Cannariato. “We are thrilled to continue to support the programs of Oasis, and can’t wait to see women follow in the same footsteps that led to our successful banking careers,” said Ms. O’Keefe. “When we started as tellers years ago, we didn’t realize just how far we could grow in our careers,” noted Ms. Cannariato. “We want to share our pathways to success with these women, and let them know that their future can be just as bright.”

Registration for the Bank Teller Certificate Program is open but space is limited. Please Evelyn Innocenti at (973) 881-8307 x124 to register.

### **About Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children:**

Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Paterson, New Jersey whose mission is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need. These programs include GED, ESL and Computer classes for adults; a Workplace Readiness Program; ServSafe®, customer service, and bank teller certificate programs; an after-school program, summer camp, photography program and teen program for youth; and basic needs services that include weekday breakfast and lunch in our soup kitchen, a food pantry, diapers and other baby needs, and clothing distribution. Learn more at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org).

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