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PREVAIL BANK DONATES \$2,400 TO TEEN HOMELESS SHELTER

(Wausau) Keep Area Teens Safe (KATS), a homeless shelter for teens in Marathon County, received \$2,400 from Prevail Bank. These funds will be utilized to purchase multiple Chromebooks so its youth residents are able to complete homework and apply for jobs.

“We are proud to support KATS,” said Jarrod Spinnato, Prevail Bank Branch Manager of Wausau. “We’re a community bank that is passionate about economic development, financial stability, and the health, welfare, and growth of individuals, families, and businesses. No child should be living on the street.”

“KATS is a home-style shelter,” said Kathleen Buckli, Director of the Wausau-based organization. “Our mission is to keep teens off the street to decrease the risk for trafficking and drug addiction, and to offer the services they need to succeed. Prevail Bank’s \$2,400 donation will certainly assist us in that mission. We are very appreciative.”

The KATS youth shelter / care facility is called Hillcrest House. It provides safe and secure housing, meals, case management including connection to mentorship and academic support, and other community services for youth (ages 12-17) in central Wisconsin. The shelter serves as a safe haven for up to 20 or more days while staff work to secure a long term, safe living environment for the teens.

The Charitable Contributions program of Prevail Bank is available for local non-profits that help local people in need, especially those with low-to-moderate incomes; stimulate communities financially; and/or enhances the standard of living of those less fortunate. If an organization is interested in applying for funds for a major initiative, go to: [Prevail.bank/resources/community](https://prevail.bank/resources/community). Prevail Bank is continuously looking for ways to give back, help their customers pursue their dreams, and make things better in central Wisconsin.

Seventeen (17) other nonprofits were awarded donations this fall by Prevail Bank’s Charitable Contributions Committee. Those organizations included The Children’s Museum of Eau Claire, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, HAVEN, Inc. (Merrill), Central Wisconsin’s Children’s Museum (Stevens Point), Taylor County Supportive Housing, Inc. (Medford), Friends of the Old School, Inc. (Owen), Stevens Point Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, Santa’s Elves Foundation (FiField), Keep Area Teens Safe (KATS) (Wausau), the City of Medford in support of a downtown revitalization project, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Marshfield Area United Way, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties, Sandbox Child Care & Preschool (Medford), Medford Area for Tomorrow, Inc. (MATI) in support of a new park stage, The Personal Development Center, Inc. (PDC) (Marshfield), Wood County Health Department (Wisconsin Rapids) in support of its Bike Share Program, and The Farming for the Future Foundation (Stevens Point).



PHOTO CAPTION: Prevail Bank presented the not-for-profit organization, Keep Area Teens Safe, Inc. (KATS), a homeless youth shelter, \$2,400 to purchase multiple Chromebooks so their teen-aged residents can complete their homework and apply for jobs. Pictured (L to R) are: Stacy Schoepke, Prevail Bank Relationship Banker; Kathleen Buckli, KATS Executive Director; Terry Barnett, Prevail Bank Commercial Lending Officer; Graham Sweet, Prevail Bank Universal Banker; and Jarrod Spinnato, Prevail Bank Branch Manager.

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