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The Grotta Fund: Seniors with Complex Issues Finally Get Help!



From left to Right: Renie Carniol, Grotta Fund for Senior Care, Cathy Boccard, Hope House, Jennifer Carpinteri, Morris County Division of Human Services(MCDHS); Robert L. Parker, NewBridge Services, Theresa Davis, MCDHS/Aging Disabilities and Veterans, Patrice Picard, Family Services of Morris County, Ophelia Cruse, MCDHS/Div on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans, and Laurie Becker, MCDHS/Behavioral Health and Youth Services.

The Grotta Fund's one year \$60,000 grant is expected to benefit more than 35 seniors who cannot be helped by the current case management system and who have multiple challenges, ranging from homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness, seniors with dementia, physical disabilities, and extreme poverty. According to Renie Carniol, Director of the Grotta Fund for Senior Care of the Jewish Community Foundation, "We awarded this grant to help vulnerable seniors through case management and a powerful collaboration among mental health and physical health agencies and services. Led by a well respected agency, it offers a plan for oversight and sustainability through its Advisory Committee members. It can become a model for other counties in the State dealing with the increasing population of seniors."