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**Kish Bank Honored by USDA Rural Development - Pennsylvania**



FROM LEFT: Penny Zesiger (Mortgage and Consumer Lender) and Deb Weikel (Mortgage Administration Manager) of Kish Bank accept a Certificate of Appreciation from USDA Rural Development—Pennsylvania Area Specialists Chuck Queitzsch and Holly Barnard.

**Belleville, PA (July 6, 2011)**— Kish Bank has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation as a lender in the Section 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing Program by the Juniata Area Office of USDA Rural Development—Pennsylvania as one of their activities highlighting National Homeownership Month.

The certificate recognizes the positive community impact of Kish Bank's role as a USDA Rural Development lender partner in a five-county region that includes Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, and Snyder Counties.

Throughout the first six months of 2011, Kish Bank has already helped over 35 families purchase homes in the region through the Section 502 guaranteed mortgage program.

"Kish Bank's mortgage team has more than 30 years of combined experience working with lending products guaranteed by USDA Rural Development," said Debra K. Weikel, Mortgage Administration Manager, Kish Bank. "So we've had the privilege of seeing first-hand the good things that happen in our rural communities with the help of these programs. It's an honor to see our work recognized, but even more gratifying to have helped so many local families realize their homeownership dreams."

Rural Development's Section 502 Guaranteed Loan program currently has adequate, available funding to assist eligible low and moderate income applicants in eligible areas to purchase new or existing homes by guaranteeing loans made by conventional lenders. Loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property plus a one-time guarantee fee of 3.5 percent of the loan amount that is charged to the lender. No mortgage insurance is required. In Fiscal Year 2010, USDA Rural Development—Pennsylvania guaranteed over \$434 million in housing loans.

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**About Kish Bancorp**

*Kish Bancorp, Inc., is a diversified financial services corporation headquartered in Belleville, PA. Kish Bank, a subsidiary of Kish Bancorp, Inc., operates thirteen offices in Centre, Huntingdon and Mifflin Counties. Business lines include: Kish Bank, Kish Insurance, Kish Financial Solutions, and Kish Travel. For additional information, please visit Kish Bancorp, Inc. online at [www.kishbank.com](http://www.kishbank.com).*