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**OritaniBank Charitable Foundation Donates \$10,000 to Visiting
Homemaker's CHEER Program for the Elderly**

Township of Washington, NJ – December XX, 2010 – The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to CHEER, the flagship program of Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County. CHEER provides the elderly with weekly home care visits from aides who assist them with essential tasks such as grocery shopping, errands and laundry in addition to identifying any problems and arranging for help.

“We are so grateful to the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation for its generous support,” said Gail Ryan, Executive Director of Visiting Homemaker. “At this time of economic hardship and funding cutbacks, we are heartened to see the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation take the lead in meeting the challenge of serving the community’s proud but vulnerable older adults.”

Since 1954, Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County has been serving the frail elderly and sick or disabled individuals of all ages in need of assistance to remain living at home. The non-profit agency provides high quality, individualized home care including certified health aides, companions and light housekeeping among other support services. For further information, please visit www.vhsbc.com.

“Thanks to the CHEER program, many seniors have the opportunity to continue living safely and independently in their own homes, where they would prefer to be,” said Kevin J. Lynch, President of the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation and Chairman, President and CEO of Oritani Bank.

“We are honored to do our part to support this valuable service for elderly members of our community.”

The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation was established in 2007 to assist not-for-profit organizations that help to improve the quality of life for residents in Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic counties. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated \$2 million dollars to local charitable organizations, primarily in support of education, health & human services, youth programs, and affordable housing.

Oritani Bank is a 99 year old community bank with over \$2 billion in assets, based in the Township of Washington, New Jersey. Oritani Bank is a publicly held company trading on the NASDAQ with the trading symbol “ORIT.” Oritani Bank has 22 branches throughout Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties, and offers a full line of deposit and loan services to both retail and commercial customers. For more information, call 888-ORITANI, or visit their website, www.oritani.com.