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**PERNAFREDERICK COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKERS 2 LEASES FOR
LOCAL NON-PROFITS THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND BACK ON MY FEET**

PHILADELPHIA, PA --- PernaFrederick Commercial Real Estate has negotiated a new lease agreement that expands the services of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania and an expansion of a Center City non-profit at 1520 Locust Street. Keith Kiner and Joseph Vitarello, brokers at PernaFrederick, negotiated the lease agreements.

In the largest of the transactions, Kiner represented lessee, The Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, an advocacy, service and education association founded in 1951 to help improve the lives of people with mental illnesses. Mark Nicoletti represented Philadelphia Suburban Development Corporation, the owner of 2709 North Broad Street, in the 5 year lease of approximately 10,279 square feet of office space.

The agreement will provide for the expansion of MHASP's services to this location on North Broad Street where it will operate programs serving people with mental illnesses. MHASP, with facilities throughout the region and a headquarters at 1211 Chestnut Street, will occupy their new space on the first floor of the building on or about July 15th, Kiner said.

At 1520 Locust Street, Vitarello represented Back on My Feet, a non-profit social service organization, in the expansion of its offices to approximately 1,850 square feet on the 8th floor.

Jeff Tertel, a broker with Grubb and Ellis cooperated with PernaFrederick and represented 1520 Locust Street Associates, L. P., the building owner, in brokering the expansion agreement.

Back on My Feet provides self-sufficiency counsel for Philadelphia's homeless population by engaging those individuals in a continuing program that can build confidence and self esteem. The organization has occupied some 1,100 square feet at 1520 Locust Street since 2008 under a previous space contract that was also negotiated by Vitarello.

PernaFrederick is headquartered at 2 Penn Center and specializes in commercial brokerage to include landlord and tenant representation, user and investment sales, as well as consulting.

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