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TFEC and HYP Are Helping Engage the Next Generation of Philanthropists



Harrisburg, PA, March 19, 2014 – The Emerging Philanthropist Program (EPP) is a collaborative effort between The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) and Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP). This collaborative program seeks to engage Harrisburg's emerging business and community leaders with the great possibilities that lie within philanthropic endeavors in the Capital Region.

On March 11th, twelve of HYP's members convened at TFEC offices as the first aspirants to participate in EPP. EPP members will meet for ten sessions to discuss our local community and its nonprofit organizations, wealth management practices, and grantmaking processes. Participants are provided resources and educational opportunities that encourage them to make an impact beyond traditional volunteer activities. Another program objective is to teach participants about the various fundraising methods utilized by nonprofit organizations. Lastly, participants will learn how to identify fiscally responsible nonprofit organizations by analyzing their business models and budgets.

EPP participants will apply their newly learned community and grantmaking skills by awarding a \$5,000 grant to a nonprofit organization of their choice. This grant is generously provided by the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, a regional foundation of TFEC. Participants will also be responsible for reviewing all applications, interviewing finalist nonprofit organizations, and awarding the \$5,000 grant with minimal oversight from program coordinators.

2014 EPP Class of Participants

The inaugural EPP class consists of twelve members of Harrisburg Young Professionals:

- Catherine Azeles, PNC Wealth Management
- Kimberly Bowman, Harrisburg University
- Ayanna Cash-Clements, Family Health Council of Central Pa
- Toan Do, Capital Blue Cross
- James Hobbs, Deloitte & Touche, LLC
- Alexander Langan, Langan Financial Group
- Jolene Leisure, Reckitt Benckiser
- Steven Martinez, Boy Scouts of America Central Pa
- Suzanne Patackis, Zimmer Keystone

- Adrienne Thoman, Central Penn College
- Melba Twitty, *United States Department of Agriculture*
- David Wagner, Capital View Wealth Management

For more information about TFEC or EPP, please visit www.tfec.org. For more information about HYP, please visit www.hyp.org.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is a community foundation which aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets while serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC, please visit www.tfec.org.

ABOUT HARRISBURG YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) is a group of more than 1,500 young active, civic-minded professionals who share a clear vision of Harrisburg's future as a great place to live, work and play. Its goals include "brain gain," economic development and city revitalization, promotion of diversity, increased volunteerism and providing business networking. For more information, visit www.hyp.org.