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## The Greater Harrisburg Foundation Announces First Round of Grant Awards for 2013

Harrisburg, PA, April 15, 2013 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is pleased to announce grant award winners for the first round of grantmaking in 2013. Grants were made through the Greater Harrisburg Foundation (GHF), a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. GHF's strategic grantmaking focus is to invest in innovative, collaborative approaches and solutions to community problems through nonprofit organizations serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry and the Dillsburg area of York Counties.

The Foundation received 48 applications with grant requests totaling over \$300,000. Grantees for the first round of funding in 2013 include arts & culture organizations, community development programs, health and human services agencies, and more. Grantees include: Artistic Expressions, \$2,000.00; Barak Drama Ministries Inc, \$5,000.00; Carlisle Arts Learning Center Inc, \$2,000.00; Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, \$4,500.00; Chambersburg Ballet Theatre Youth Company Inc, \$1,000.00; Christian Recovery Aftercare Ministry Inc, \$4,000.00; Danzante, \$3,500.00; Grace@Home, \$5,000.00; Growing Strong, \$5,275.00; Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County, \$3,000.00; Harrisburg Area YMCA - Northern Dauphin County Branch, \$3,000.00; Lebanon Valley Harvest Ministries, \$1,900.00; Leg Up Farm Inc, \$2,000.00; New Hope Ministries Inc, \$2,000.00; Northern Dauphin County Christian School Association, \$3,496.08; Open Stage of Harrisburg, \$5,000.00; The Partnership for Hope, \$5,000.00; Paxton Ministries, \$3,174.00; Pennsylvania Regional Ballet, \$2,500.00; Perry County Council of the Arts, \$1,920.00; Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA, \$1,800.00; Second Chance Ministries of Pennsylvania, Inc., \$5,000.00; Shalom House, \$5,000.00; Shiloh Center for Community Outreach Inc, \$3,000.00; Tri-County Long-Term Disaster Recovery Committee, \$5,000.00; Upper Dauphin Human Services Center Inc, \$3,000.00; Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania, \$5,000.00; Volunteers of America Inc, \$3,000.00; World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, \$2,500.00.

A total of \$98,565 was distributed through this first of three rounds of grantmaking. Applications for the second round of funding are due by May 6, 2013. Applications must be submitted through TFEC's online application system. Notification of grant awards will be made in mid July 2013. Organizations interested in applying should visit <a href="https://www.tfec.org">www.tfec.org</a> to learn how to apply and review the grant guidelines.

## **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 <a href="https://www.tfec.org">www.tfec.org</a>.