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The Greater Harrisburg Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, will postpone 2014 discretionary grantmaking until further notice

Harrisburg, PA, (February 7, 2014) – As a community foundation, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) strives to serve our five county region as effectively as possible. In light of this goal, and after giving the matter serious thought, the Board of Directors of TFEC have agreed to make substantial changes to the way that annual discretionary grantmaking is conducted through the Greater Harrisburg Foundation (GHF), one of six regional foundations of TFEC, for the betterment of the program.

These changes will not be made lightly, or without great consideration. In line with wishing to enhance the discretionary grantmaking program overall, TFEC will be spending time and resources in 2014 working with a consultant to ensure that changes made will only enhance GHF's discretionary grantmaking – with the goal of increasing the amount of each grant made and streamlining the process. In lieu of the time that needs to be spent ensuring that any changes made do not hinder the process or add to the burden of our regional nonprofits, the Greater Harrisburg Foundation has decided to postpone 2014 discretionary grantmaking until further notice. It is our goal to announce a new, better, more effective and efficient discretionary grantmaking program for 2015.

This announcement only affects GHF discretionary grantmaking. All other regional foundations and other granting funds will make discretionary grants as usual in 2014. Discretionary grantmaking refers to grants that are made in response to nonprofit proposals for funding (i.e. competitive grantmaking). TFEC will also make agency, restricted, donor advised, and committee advised grants, including scholarships, as usual in 2014.

As you may be aware, we emphasize **impact** in the community and encourage collaboration in our grant applications; this process will permit GHF to hold ourselves to the same standard and ensure our discretionary grantmaking program provides for the greatest impact on our five county region as a whole.

All other regional foundations and other granting funds will make discretionary grants as usual in 2014. These include:

- Franklin County Foundation
- Family and Children Services of Lebanon County
- Marty Sacks
- Mechanicsburg Area Foundation
- Perry County Community Foundation
- The Kids Trust
- Whitaker Fund for Science and Math
- Women's Fund

We invite you to review TFEC's other discretionary grantmaking opportunities available throughout the year. Funding opportunities, their deadlines, service areas, and funding priorities can be viewed on our Web site. (http://www.tfec.org/index.cfm?act=funds_grants_how) Grant guidelines are available online approximately 8 weeks prior to the deadlines posted. Questions about any of the grantmaking opportunities or how to apply can be directed to Jennifer Kuntch, Program Officer for Community Investment at 717-236-5040 or jkuntch@tfec.org.

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.

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