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Local Community Foundation Shines Spotlight on National Philanthropy Day



National Philanthropy Day®

unrestricted fund that is used to provide grants to local nonprofits in the arts and culture, community development, education, environment or health and human services. National Philanthropy Day is an annual celebration of the impact of charitable giving in our communities as well as the people who devote their time to charitable endeavors.

Harrisburg, PA, November 3, 2014 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announced Monday that they will celebrate National Philanthropy Day on Nov. 15 by spotlighting their Fund for the Future, an

“We are excited to participate in National Philanthropy Day,” said Janice Black, President and CEO of TFEC. “It is a special time to recognize those people who contribute so much to their communities. With the Fund for the Future, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities can help nonprofit organizations in the South Central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and the Dillsburg Area carry out their charitable goals through our competitive grantmaking process today and into the future.”

The Fund for the Future distinctly reflects the core values of National Philanthropy Day: giving, volunteering and social engagement. As an unrestricted fund, it is the most responsive to community needs. TFEC’s volunteer Greater Harrisburg Foundation Grantmaking Committee selects nonprofit organizations to receive a grant during several annual grantmaking rounds. These grants provide recipient nonprofit organizations the financial resources needed to address both immediate and future community needs. Moreover, this permanent endowment fund will provide funds in perpetuity to our community. For good. Forever. Through increased donations to the Fund for the Future, TFEC can provide more grants that will have a positive impact on the community.

“A key benefit of the Fund for the Future is its flexibility,” Black said. “TFEC’s Greater Harrisburg Foundation Grantmaking Committee can recognize changing community needs and provide funds to nonprofit organizations within the counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry, and the Dillsburg area working to address those emergent needs.”

Last year overall, more than 125 communities and 50,000 people worldwide participated in National Philanthropy Day events and celebrations, according to The Association of Fundraising Professionals’ website. National Philanthropy Day’s history, however, extends back to 1986

when then-President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation officially recognizing the day. Reflecting on its inaugural celebration, Reagan remarked, “Philanthropy, as you know, is defined as an affection for mankind... It's when people are helping one another, not because they're taxed or coerced into it, but because they want to, that concern for one's fellow man becomes part of a nation's soul.”

For more information on National Philanthropy Day or the Fund for the Future, please visit www.tfec.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.