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**The Kids Trust is Now Accepting Grant Applications**

**Harrisburg, PA, February, 20, 2014** – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is currently accepting proposals for grants available through The Kids Trust. Applications are due April 11, 2014.

The Kids Trust, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, was created in 2005 by and in memory of Gary L. Houck, Jr. Before his death, Gary's wish was to create a fund that would provide support and services to young children who are living with physical or emotional abuse, or neglect.

This annual competitive grantmaking program is for nonprofit organizations providing programs and services for children of abuse and their families in the counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York. The average grant award is \$2,500. Applicants should submit proposals that are designed to support child-focused projects within the confines of existing agency programs.

The Kids Trust is largely supported by its annual fundraiser, the Run on the Roof event, scheduled for a Saturday in June – date to be determined - at Madden Physical Therapy in Harrisburg. Grant award checks will be presented at the event.

Applicants must either be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or have a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization act as a fiscal sponsor for the proposed project.

Applications must be submitted through TFEC's online application system by April 11, 2014. Notification of grant awards will be made in May 2014. Organizations interested in applying should visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) 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 [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org).