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**The Women's Fund Grants \$15,044 to Nonprofits Helping Women and Girls in Central PA**

**Harrisburg, PA, November 11, 2013** – The Women's Fund, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), is pleased to announce the 2013 grant awards. The fund makes grants to programs and/or initiatives that serve women and girls in South Central PA counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry.

A total of \$15,044 was distributed through 2013 grantmaking to the following local nonprofits:

- Bridge Of Hope Harrisburg Area, \$2,000.00 to support rental assistance and case management services
- Camp Koala, \$1,000.00 for Family Grief Support Groups offered to grieving children, teens, and their families
- Capital Area Girls on the Run, \$1,000.00 to support a Spring Team of 10-15 girls at Melrose School, in Harrisburg School District
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, \$2,500.00 to support the Lourdeshouse Maternity Home, which offers housing and other vital services to homeless pregnant women and their infants
- Community Check Up Center Of South Harrisburg Inc, \$2,500.00 to support Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) for uninsured, low-income, women
- Dress for Success South Central PA, \$2,000.00 to support a technology upgrade
- Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, \$2,000.00 for financial assistance, available for every aspect of Girl Scouting, from books and badges to camp fees and troop dues;
- Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg Inc -\$2,044.00 for Girl Time, a support group program for adopted "tweens"

For more information on the Women's Fund or the 2013 grantees, visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) and click on "Special Initiatives".

**ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FUND**

The Women's Fund mission is to broaden awareness of and response to issues affecting women and girls through the power of collective philanthropy. The fund fulfills its mission by educating donors and the community about philanthropy and issues affecting women, girls, and their families; raising money and awarding grants to organizations that address those issues pertinent to women, girls, and their families; and adopting methods that promote inclusiveness and diversity in both giving and grantmaking.

**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).