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Women's Fund Power of Purse Raises Over \$11,000 to Support Local Nonprofits that Provide Services to Women and Girls in South Central PA

Harrisburg, PA, October 7, 2014 – The Women's Fund, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, raised over \$11,000 from the 3rd Annual *Power of the Purse* held last week on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at Hershey Lodge. These funds will be used to increase the Women's Fund endowment which is used to provide grants annually to local nonprofit organizations that provide services to women and girls in the South Central PA counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and the Dillsburg Area.

The Women's Fund recently solicited local nonprofit organizations to provide grant requests for their 2014 grantmaking. The Women's Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations that incorporate the following strategic priorities:

1. Advancing the lives of girls and women by providing opportunities to develop economic self-sufficiency
2. Providing health programs for women and girls
3. Promoting the education of women and girls

In 2013, the Women's Fund awarded a record \$14,044 to eight nonprofit organizations that provide services to women and girls in South Central PA:

- Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area: Rental assistance/case management services
- Camp Koala: Family grief support groups
- Capital Area Girls on the Run: Spring team from Melrose School in Harrisburg School District
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg: Lourdeshouse Maternity Home
- Community Check-Up Center of South Harrisburg, Inc: The LARC project
- Dress of Success South Central PA: Technology upgrade
- Girls Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania: Girl Scout financial assistance
- Jewish Family Services of Greater Harrisburg, Inc: Girl Time, a support group for adopted "tweens"

For more information about the Women's Fund, 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.

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 in South Central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry. Part of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), the Women's Fund reflects TFEC's commitment to grow and adapt to meet the changing needs of the communities that it serves, while reflecting the basic mission of its founding in 1920, which is to preserve and increase resources so that future generations will have the means to address and solve societal challenges.