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**Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education Announces 1<sup>st</sup> Grant Awards of 2013**

**Harrisburg, PA, August 5, 2013** – The Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), is pleased to announce the first round of 2013 grant awards. The fund supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that offer programs and services that lead to math and science proficiency and literacy.

Awardees for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of 2013 grantmaking were: The Arc of Dauphin County, \$5,500.00 for the Finances, Math, and Money program for Consumers with Special Needs; Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg Inc, \$8,000.00 for Mastering Math: An After School Math Program; Covenant Christian Academy, \$6,671.00 for durable equipment for the new Grammar School Science Classroom; Hamilton Health Center Inc, \$25,000.00 for the Pediatrics Service Expansion and Healthcare Workforce Development Project; Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, \$5,000.00 for Opening Young Minds to Science through the Mystery and Beauty of Owls; Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, \$5,000.00 for the PA Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab; The Salvation Army, \$10,000.00 for Math and Science Curriculum Development; Shalom House, \$5,000.00 for the Partnership for Progress

A total of \$70,171 was distributed through this first round of grantmaking for 2013. Applications for the second round of funding are due by September 6, 2013. Applications must be submitted through TFEC's online application system. Notification of grant awards will be made in late November 2013. 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).

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