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**Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education Announces \$66,917 in Grant Awards**

**Harrisburg, PA, November 25, 2013** – The Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), is pleased to announce the second 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 2nd round of 2013 grantmaking were:

- Audubon Pennsylvania, \$5,000.00 for Audubon's Science & Environmental Toolkit (working with teachers and students in Dauphin County)
- Bosler Library, \$4,200.00 for Math & Science Discovery Centers
- Harrisburg Academy Foundation, \$8,200.00 for Robotics Equipment for the Innovation Lab
- Joshua Group, \$15,000.00 for the Joshua Learning Center Computer Lab
- Purple Feet Foundation Inc, \$4,350.00 for the thinc Program and Community Science Night
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Capital Region Inc, \$10,000.00 for the "Crypto-CrimeZONE" summer program
- Saint Theresa School, \$1,667.00 for technology enhancements for the middle school science classroom
- Tri County Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc, \$4,000.00 for the "Science - Experiment with Fun" afterschool program
- West Shore Christian Academy, \$9,500.00 for the STEM Improvement Plan for science lab renovations and technology upgrades
- YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, \$5,000.00 for "TechGYRLS"

A total of \$66,917 was distributed through this second round of grantmaking for 2013. The deadline for the first round of 2014 is May 2, 2014. Nonprofit organizations interested in applying may visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) for more information.

**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).