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The Women's Fund Awards \$17,870 to 12 Local Nonprofit Organizations that Provide Assistance to Women and Girls in South Central PA

Harrisburg, PA, November 17, 2014 – The Women's Fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities is pleased to announce the 2014 grant awards. The fund makes grants to programs/initiatives that serve women in South Central PA counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lebanon, and Franklin.

A total of \$17,870 in grants was awarded the following nonprofit organizations:

- Capital Area Girls on the Run, \$2,000 to support one of the spring teams from Harrisburg School District
- Carlisle C.A.R.E.S., \$1,000 for the emergency family shelter and services, mostly serving single mothers the program helps to empower these women
- Community First Fund, \$2,000 for the Women's Business Center which provides training, customized business counseling, loan capital, and advocacy support
- Good Samaritan Physician Services, \$500 for the family support program offering prenatal and post-partum home visits to provide supportive education and anticipatory guidance to parents
- Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, \$2,000 to help provide training on proper diapering awareness and a sufficient supply of disposable diapers to women's shelters and family service agencies to keep babies and toddlers, clean, dry and healthy
- Lebanon Rescue Mission Inc, \$1,620 in support of purchasing an in-house security system to allow Agape Family Shelter to continue providing a nurturing and safe environment for single women, pregnant women, and women with children.
- Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church, \$2,000 for Young Mothers Together, a free and comprehensive program for pregnant and parenting teen girls
- Perry County Literacy Council, \$1,000 to support outreach to moms and daughters, distributing resources at locations where women access services
- Planned Parenthood Keystone , \$2,000 to provide comprehensive sexual education to women and girls who access services for STD testing at the Harrisburg medical center and Chambersburg medical center
- Salvation Army, \$1,750 for the HAVE Self-Sufficiency Program for Women, long-term, one-on-one case management to help clients achieve long-term self-sufficiency
- Shalom House, \$1,000 for Empowerment by Design, a program providing not only basic information about money, banking, and budgeting, but also incorporating training and mentoring sessions that address mindset issues that interrupt healthy purchasing habits
- South Central Community Action Program Inc, \$1,000 for Circles of Support, a co-educational program designed to help families living in poverty move to self-sufficiency with a special focus on the issues that relate to women and girls

For more information on the 2014 Women’s Fund grantees, visit www.tfec.org and click on “Special Initiatives”.

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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. 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.