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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER, PA ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS

[LANCASTER, PA] – [August 7, 2008] – The Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) is very excited to announce the recipients of their 2008 Community Opportunities Fund. Through a careful and thorough assessment the committee identified the six agencies listed below that will receive \$15,000 in funds:

Council of Drug and Alcohol Abuse: \$5000

the project "*Who Says We Can't*" is a component of the Alternative Community Intervention program designed to use large numbers of volunteers and extensive collaboration with public and private sector organizations to reduce the risk factors among high risk youth, ages 10-18 and their families. The funds from the JLL will strengthen the Service Learning component of the program and double the length of time the youth will participate in the summer Connections program. The additional time in the program will allow the youth to become engaged in selecting a year-round project that the community at large has said **cannot** be accomplished.

Crispus Attucks Community Center: \$5000

The project, *Summer Science Camp – "Science for a Healthy Life"*, is a full-day summer camp that exposes urban youth at risk for delinquency and low achievement to the wonders of science. Life skills and community service projects are integrated into the curriculum in order to build character, self-discipline, confidence and encourage making positive life choices. The camp enrolls students in first through fifth grades. JLL funding will be applied towards stipends for camp counselors, who are teens in the Crispus Attucks neighborhood that exhibit outstanding leadership skills.

Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania: \$1100

The program *Young Women's Futures Symposium* addresses a need in Lancaster County high school students that are neither at the top nor at the bottom of their class. It is directed at "B" and "C" students who are not overly motivated, have low self-esteem and who would benefit

from interaction with positive role models. The annual full-day symposium, which is attended by 350-400 young women, is designed to inspire the students to think about all the possibilities in their future by allowing them the opportunity to interact with professional women. The JLL funds will be used for sponsoring ten students to the program.

Lancaster Recreation Commission: \$1300

The LRC is a vital service that enhances the quality of life in Lancaster City and Lancaster Township by improving personal health, strengthening the community, preventing crime, protecting the environment and contributing to a healthy economy. The JLL funds will support the program, *CARE (Conservation and Recycling for the Environment)*. Through *CARE*, children ages 5-12 will learn about the importance of recycling and conservation and ways to conserve and recycle that will benefit the environment and their community. The program will be conducted at 12 elementary schools in the School District of Lancaster.

Lititz Public Library: \$1300

The program, *Science Story Time for Preschoolers*, will aim to create excitement about science and help very young children get the learning readiness skills they need when they enter kindergarten by exposing them to science concepts. The JLL funds will help provide training for volunteer storytellers and librarians and will also be used to purchase supporting books and audio visual materials for the library's collection.

Project Forward Leap: \$1300

The mission of Project Forward Leap is to close the gaps of academic achievement and developmental opportunities between students with academic promise put at-risk by socio-economic disadvantages and their advantaged peers and by serving as a catalyst for raising achievement standards in their schools. PFL offers academically rigorous residential summer institutes to students in the 5th grade through high school on college campuses. It is supplemented through a year-round enrichment program. JLL funds will be used to provide services to seventh-grade Lancaster students attending the summer program at Millersville University and Swarthmore College.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER, PA

The Junior League of Lancaster is an organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information, please visit our website at www.jllancaster.org.

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