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## **JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER, PA ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS**

[LANCASTER, PA] – [May 13 , 2008] – The Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) is very excited to announce the recipients of their 2009 Community Opportunities Fund. The JLL’s Grants Committee received many applications from various community organizations in Lancaster County seeking \$51,000 in support. Through a careful and thorough assessment the committee identified the four agencies listed below that will receive \$15,500 in funds:

### **CASA of Lancaster County: \$5000**

The mission of CASA is advocate for abused and neglected children. In collaboration with community resources, CASA volunteers provide a voice to the Court on behalf of children with a belief that all children deserve safe, nurturing and permanent homes. The funds from the JLL will initiate the CASA program in Lancaster and specially train volunteers which will be assigned by the courts to conduct independent assessments and to advocate for the best interest of their assigned child.

### **Boys and Girls Club: \$4900**

The program, *“Power Hour: Making Minutes Count”*, is a comprehensive homework help and tutoring program. The program provides Boys & Girls Club members with the support, resources and guidance necessary to complete their homework – and start the school day with a sense of confidence and ability. JLL funds will provide this academic support program for children ages 6-12 that live in Southeast Lancaster City who attend King Elementary School.

### **YWCA: \$3600**

The YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center provides free, confidential counseling to survivors of sexual abuse and assault. Funding from the JLL will provide support for the “Our Personal Safety” program teaching young children to recognize the difference between good touch and bad touch and to know what to do and who to talk to if they experience a bad touch and the “Gender Bullying” Program for older elementary school students which

helps kids to identify language and behaviors that are harmful to others and teaches skills for dealing with and stopping such behaviors, and how to foster an environment of mutual respect. Approximately 2400 children in the School District of Lancaster in grades 2, 4 and 5 will be served.

**Power Packs Project: \$2000**

Power Packs provide food for 242 families to feed their children over the weekends when they do not have the advantage of the school lunch program, so they can return to school Monday, well fed and ready to learn. Power Packs has a program in 11 schools including 9 schools in the School District of Lancaster, and 1 program in both the Manheim Township and Warwick School Districts. With the help of the JLL, the Power Packs Program will expand to 4 additional schools by fall of 2009, serving 460 families.

**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](http://www.jllancaster.org).

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