The Fund for Visionary Leadership

Jupporting the next generation of women leaders

Supporting the Valentine
Foundation's commitment to
developing the next generation of
local women leaders of non-profits
serving women and girls, the Fund
provides grants through which agency
Directors and staff members refine
their skills and increase the impact
and effectiveness of their agencies as
well as their own personal impact on
their workplace and community.

The Trustees have selected three programs to which to send Valentine Visionary Leaders: the Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) at Bryn Mawr College; Leadership, Inc. in Philadelphia; and CLEAR (Cultivating Leadership, Excellence and Responsibility) Circles at the Non-Profit Center at LaSalle University.

Valentine Visionary Leader Jpotlight

Annette Owens-Johnson, M/W, L/W



Director of Transitional Housing, Women Against Abuse, Inc., Philadelphia

Leadership Program: Clear Circles at the Non-Profit Center, LaSalle University

In Her Words: "Leadership training strengthened my commitment to proactive leadership and allowed me to meet, interact with and learn from peers in non-profit management. It has been a vital part of my professional development."

Her Program: Women Against Abuse (WAA) began in the mid-1970s as a part-time hotline in a women's center and is now a leading local advocate and service provider for victims of domestic violence. WAA serves 10,000+ individuals each year through emergency residential services, legal aid, hotline counseling, education, and advocacy. The transitional housing program provides women and children with family apartments and extensive support services to help them safely and successfully move back into the community.

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