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Visionary Leadership Fund
Leadership Development for Women Serving Women

Nonprofit Organizations Asked To Do More With Less

In today’s economy, nonprofits are increasingly squeezed between shrinking budgets and the growing demand for their services. Therefore, it is critical that nonprofit leaders run their organizations effectively and efficiently to maximize their impact on our community.

The Visionary Leadership Fund of the Valentine Foundation gives scholarships for nonprofit leadership development that are hard to justify on tight budgets, but vital to the sustainability and success of all nonprofit organizations.

Twenty nonprofit women leaders received Valentine scholarships in 2008 for training specifically designed to equip them for these tough times. The Visionary Leaders from the past three years and their organizations are noted on the reverse side of this newsletter.

As you will see, our scholarships help a diverse group of women in nonprofits serving many segments of the population in the Greater Philadelphia region.

These women will be role models, mentors, and the next generation of community leaders – imagine the impact of the Visionary Leadership Fund as the years go by!

Our fundraising is 99% complete, so we have nearly reached our endowment goal of $500,000. Please consider a year-end donation to put us over the top.

Thank you for being part of this unique effort to develop local women leaders. Your generosity will pay dividends to our community for years to come.

Mary McTernan
Chair, Leadership Fund Committee
Alexandra V. A. Frazier
Executive Director, Valentine Foundation

Valentine Visionary Leader Spotlight On Pamela Bryer:

In Her Words: Leadership development helped this already dedicated professional become “more committed to long-term systemic change and more focused on developing the organization for the future beyond my leadership.”

One specific example of the impact of the training is that the Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County is actively seeking Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Standards of Excellence certification. (PANO Standards provide benchmarks to determine how well an organization is fulfilling its obligations to participants in the programs, contributors, and the public.)

Her Program: The Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County helps pregnant women secure health insurance, get prenatal care, learn good health habits and parenting skills – resulting in better outcomes for mothers and babies.

More than 5,000 women have been served since 1994. A new Family Center in Kennett Square provides school readiness services for young children. MCHC actively advocates for enhanced public commitment to improve access to high quality health care for all mothers and children in the region.

Pamela Bryer
Executive Director
Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County
2008 Valentine Visionary Leader
And the Survey Says...

Valentine Support Deemed Critical

“The nonprofits with the least access to funds for professional development are likely to be the ones who need it most,” as a Visionary Leader sagely noted. An evaluation survey revealed:

• 100% of women leaders confirmed that they would have been unable to obtain the leadership training without support from the Valentine Visionary Leadership Fund.

• The training helped the nonprofit women become more confident and effective leaders, improving specific skills such as public speaking and fundraising while broadening their approach to strategic thinking and long-term planning.

Valentine Foundation will continue to monitor the impact of the leadership training and report annually to Fund donors, so that you may watch the return on your investment grow and know that you have made a difference. We encourage you to ask any of the women leaders or their Board members to tell you directly how leadership development has improved their organization.

“It has been an honor to be able to participate in this program. I have no doubt that the things I have learned and the people I have met at the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) will benefit me in the future as a nonprofit leader advocating for women and teen girls.”

Susan Schewel, Executive Director
Women’s Medical Fund

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2007
Karen Buck
Senior Law Center
Sharon Easterling
DVAEYC
Carolyn Haynes
Women’s Community
Revitalization Project
Dawn Moody
Tradeworks of Purpose/ WIIN
Stephanie Scappa-Hall
Chester Education Foundation

2006
Pamela Bryer
Maternal and Child Health Consortium
of Chester County
Rhonda Carboni
The Alice Paul Institute
Sheri Cole
The Career Wardrobe
Susan Garrison
The Center Foundation
Lisa Cordeiro Kricun
Congreso de Latinos Unidos
Catherine Ritchie
Girl Scouts of Southeastern PA
Scheherazade Tillet
A Long Walk Home
Beatriz Vieira
Lutheran Settlement House

2005
Cheryl Cunningham
Chester Education Foundation
Taren Gaddy
Black Women’s Health Alliance
Melissa Weiler Gerber
WOMENS WAY
Ronda Goldfein
The AIDS Law Project
Catherine Maldonado
Girl Scouts of Southeastern PA
Yvette Mitchell
Education and Learning Institute
Carrie Rae
NARAL, Pro-Choice PA

Valentine Visionary Leaders
Funded by the Valentine Foundation

2008
Allison Bellavance
Planned Parenthood Association
of Bucks County
Heather Bennett
The Career Wardrobe
Lori Blair
Soroptimist
Meghan Brown
Mid-County Senior Services
Dana Debek-Milstein
The Alice Paul Institute
Brenda Lee Green
CHOICE, Inc.
Roxanna Kestner
Community Women’s Education Project
Heather Keafer
Women Against Abuse
Laura Kuykendall
The Program for Women and Families
Christine Pfau Laney
Domestic Violence Services
of Lancaster County
Allison Moore
Valley Youth House
Annette Owens- Johnson
Women Against Abuse
Christine Phillips
Community Women’s Education Project
Karen J. Pollack, MSW
Maternity Care Coalition
Mary Schuermann
Response-Ability
Susan Schewel, PhD
Women’s Medical Fund
Christine Stutman, MSW
Women Against Abuse
Nicole Whitaker
Drueding Center/ Project Rainbow
Kristine Wickward
Women’s Center of Montgomery County
Diane Zanetti
Berks Women in Crisis