The Valentine Fund for Visionary Leadership is a separate endowment established at the Valentine Foundation through the generosity of many individual and foundation donors who share our commitment to developing the leadership capacity of the important local nonprofit organizations whose primary focus and mission-driven activities benefit women and girls.

Grant funds support leadership development for both current and emerging women leaders. Applicant organizations are encouraged to propose initiatives that address their unique leadership needs, including but not limited to courses, workshops, certificate programs, coaching, and succession planning.

We are grateful to retiring Leadership Fund Committee members Cynthia Jetter and Natalie Levkovich for their inspiring commitment to developing women leaders in our region.

### 2013 Leadership Fund Grantees

- **Bridge of Hope, National**
  - $6,336
  - A leadership innovation plan for Edith Yoder, Executive Director, and national leadership team

- **The Enterprise Center**
  - $5,750
  - Participation of Aleea Slappy, Director of Education & Training in Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute at Bryn Mawr College: Executive Leadership Certificate

- **Girls Rock Philly**
  - $6,000
  - Leadership development plan with coaching and consulting through AORTRA for Program Director Diane Foglizzo and the organization

- **Sister Cities Girlchoir**
  - $6,500
  - Participation of Alysia Lee, Founder & Executive Director in Women & Power: Leadership in the New World, Kennedy School of Harvard University

- **Supportive Older Women’s Network (SOWN)**
  - $733
  - Participation of Mayu Nakamura in CLEAR Circle for Emerging Leaders at La Salle University’s Nonprofit Center

### One Year Later: 2012 Leadership Fund Grantees Reflect

- **Oni Richards-Waritay, Executive Director**
  - African Family Health Organization
  - “The NELI program helped me create a much needed network of peers that I continue to work and share with even after the program ended. The peer-based learning community was one of the best parts of the initiative for me.”

- **Cecilia M Arce, Healthy Start Program Manager**
  - Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County
  - “I have become a more effective leader and can guide my team to focus on the mission and vision of MCHC. The teachers and colleagues helped me gain more confidence in my role and opened different doors in the non-profit world.”

- **Susan Baren-Pearson, Director of Institutional Advancement**
  - Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
  - “NELI capitalizes on leadership development theories that shape who we become as catalysts and change agents. I have greater knowledge of the power women can have when it comes to leading and driving change for women and girls.”

### Leadership Fund Committee

- Mary McTernan, Co-Chair
- Alexandra Samuels, Co-Chair
- Martha Davis
- Ann Ricksecker
- Frances Vilella
- Cheryl Weiss
  - Nancy Kirby, liaison to the Board of Trustees

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