

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.

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2014 Leadership Fund Grantees

ORGANIZATION NAME	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Gearing Up	Participation of Kaelin Proud, Program Director in Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute at Bryn Mawr College: Ascending Leader Certificate	\$2,000
Lutheran Settlement House	Participation of Meghan Parkinson-Sidorski, Director of Social Work & Compliance in Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute at Bryn Mawr College: Ascending Leader Certificate	\$2,000
Mothers In Charge	Individual leadership development support from La Salle University for Dorothy Johnson-Speight	\$2,000
People's Emergency Center	Participation of Adwoa Tacheampong, CELS Manager in Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute at Bryn Mawr College: Ascending Leader Certificate	\$2,000
Women Against Abuse, Inc.	Training in application of the Sanctuary Model to organizational leadership for Executive Director and 10 Senior Staff	\$10,800
Total Grants		\$18,800

One Year Later: 2013 Leadership Fund Grantees Reflect

Edith Yoder, Executive Director Bridge of Hope, National

To say this grant was a game-changer is not an over-statement—it has been one of those rare things that changes everything. It has changed our culture from one of “silos” (i.e. each of our Bridge of Hope locations seeing themselves individually) to seeing ourselves as a part of a multi-tiered team. Today our network is working together jointly on fundraising, program development and ways to honor partners/donors—none of which we would have dreamed possible last year at this time.

Diane Foglizzo, Program Director Girls Rock Philly

I received direct consulting which provided me with an opportunity to explore my leadership style and the space/support to engage our stakeholders in deep conversations about values and vision. We now have an expansive, visionary yet flexible leadership plan that engaged over 50 stakeholders including board, staff, campers (youth and adult), parents/caregivers, and donors in its creation.

Aleea Slappy, Director of Education and Training, The Enterprise Center

I would definitely recommend NELI to other non-profit leaders. From the instructors and experts with years of non-profit experience, to the learning communities that serve as a mastermind group and support system, to the professional coaches and 360 degree review; NELI is ideal for leaders looking to grow personally and professionally while also bringing systemic change to their organization.