

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP FUND

of the VALENTINE FOUNDATION

The Valentine Fund for Visionary Leadership is a separate endowment established at the Valentine Foundation through the generosity of many individual and foundation donors. Our commitment is to develop the leadership capacity of 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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2017 Leadership Fund Grantees



2017 Leadership Fund grantees (l to r): Aarati Kasturirangan, Corinne O'Connell, Erica Zaveloff, Angela Marchesani

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
Bread & Roses Community Fund	\$ 1,590	For Aarati Kasturirangan , Director of Programs, to pursue a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from La Salle University Nonprofit Center
Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia	\$ 3,750	Executive coaching for new CEO Corinne O'Connell
Lutheran Settlement House	\$ 5,850	For Erica Zaveloff , Director of Development, to pursue the Executive Leader Certificate at the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) at Bryn Mawr College
Project HOME	\$ 2,100	For Michelle Strong , Program Manager for Rowan Homes, to pursue the Ascending Leader Certificate at the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) at Bryn Mawr College
Women Against Abuse	\$ 5,000	For Executive Team coaching and training in cultural sensitivity to build a more diverse, inclusive, and effective organization
Women's Resource Center	\$ 5,850	For Angela Marchesani , Director of Program Operations, to pursue the Executive Leader Certificate at the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) at Bryn Mawr College
TOTAL	\$24,140	

Please note that beginning with the 2018 Leadership grants, the cycle has been changed from fall awards to spring awards. This change was made based on feedback from applicants and the intent is to make funding decisions more in line with the timing of many formal leadership programs. This change only applies to the Valentine Leadership Fund grants.

One Year Later: 2016 Grantees Reflect

Girls on the Run: Colleen Kelly Howard

For our young organization with a small budget, Colleen's participation in Leadership Philadelphia funded through this grant has been transformational. For GOTR Philadelphia to continue to grow and follow its mission, building strong connections with the school district, government officials, and corporate entities is critical.

Maternal and Child Health Consortium: Amanda Martinez

She was promoted to manage the Healthy Start program in the Phoenixville area. With this opportunity Ms. Martinez was able to implement her new skills and best practices to achieve program objectives.

Therapy Center of Philadelphia: Alison Gerig, Leslie Zavodnick, Jaymie Campbell, Ann Hitchens

This was an amazing opportunity for TCP and has created a strategy that we hope other agencies will take the risk to use. In an age where white supremacy is so rampant, yet also insidious, racial equity work is needed more than ever, particularly when our mission is to work with disenfranchised communities, many of whom are communities of color. We welcome any future opportunities to collaborate to continue this racial equity journey. We also thank you for your information session which was very helpful. Your investment in this work will be helping women, girls, and trans communities in profound ways.