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The Prince George's Community Foundation Announces National Harbor Grants 2007

LANDOVER, MD -- The Prince George's Community Foundation (PGCF), a regional affiliate of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, has approved 30 grants totaling \$329,000 from the National Harbor Community Outreach Grant Fund for 2008. The grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,800, will support 30 nonprofit organizations in the areas of workforce development, arts and culture, education, recreation and social services for children, youth, young adults and senior citizens.

Artis Hampshire-Cowan, President of PGCF's board remarked, "As a Board of Directors, we are very proud to be a part of the important movement of helping organizations reaching out in our Prince George's County neighborhoods to better serve our people in need. The National Harbor Community Outreach Grant Fund helps us to expand our services to nonprofit organizations. We are grateful to our County Executive, Mr. Jack Johnson, our County Council under the leadership of Ms. Camille Exum, and Mr. Milt Peterson, Founder of The Peterson Companies, for agreeing to the management of the fund by The Prince George's Community Foundation. The fund has been managed in a professional manner and with complete transparency. We congratulate the organizations that were best able to meet the criteria and we look forward to continued excellent programs in our county." "The application review was rigorous," noted PGCF Executive Director Desiree Griffin-Moore. "We received 223 proposals submitted by large and small nonprofit organizations, requesting a total of \$5 million. With \$329,000 available, the selection process was very tough." Proposals were received from a wide array of organizations working in the areas of recreation, education, social services, leadership development, and arts and culture, among others

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The most important criteria were based upon standard “indicators of effectiveness”, as defined by Grantmakers for Effective Organizations. The indicators utilized to evaluate proposals included: 1) a sound strategy for achieving realistic goals; 2) collaboration in the delivery of services; 3) leveraging support so that resources can be maximized; 4) leadership and governance that reflect sound management practices; 5) outcomes that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, cost effective and relevant; 6) an evaluation process that measures and maintains outcomes and accomplishments; and 7) sound financial health that reflects a realistic budget and organizational systems that are in compliance with state, federal and foundation reporting systems.

In addition, in 2007 PGCF held an informational meeting on September 20th and a daylong technical assistance session on September 29th. Close to 200 participants attended each session. Organizations learned about the National Harbor Fund grants program and its expectations, providing nonprofits with best-practices information and standards for writing grant proposals. “We felt that it was critical to offer technical assistance to organizations seeking help in writing their proposals,” said Griffin-Moore.

PGCF is committed to helping nonprofits build their capacity to secure funding from a range of sources. Along with the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, PGCF has initiated the Partnership for Prince George’s County. This is the first time that PGCF has been engaged in a strategic effort to galvanize local and regional philanthropic support of the county’s nonprofit community. The ultimate goal is to help Prince George’s County nonprofit organizations grow stronger and obtain significant financial support for their programs from many of the larger corporate and philanthropic organizations throughout the area.

The following is a complete list of 2007 National Harbor Community Outreach Grant Fund grantees.

Accokeek Foundation

Accokeek, MD

\$15,000

To support expansion of the African American interpretation program at National Colonial Farm

Alexandria Seaport Foundation

Alexandria, VA

\$10,000

To support boat-building apprenticeships for two residents of Prince George’s Count

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area

Lanham, MD

\$15,000

To support one-on-one mentoring and family support services

Christmas in April Prince George's County

Clinton, MD

\$10,000

To support the purchase of supplies and materials needed to repair the homes of elderly and/or disabled homeowners

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.

Hyattsville, MD

\$5,000

To support free legal advice to residents of Oxon Hill, MD, and legal representation to special education students, ensuring appropriate school placement

Community Services Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council

Washington, DC

\$5,920

To support the Building Futures Apprenticeship Outreach and Recruitment Project, which provides apprenticeship and training opportunities for 30 Prince George's County residents ages 17 and older

Covenant House

Washington, DC

\$15,800

To support the Street and Community Outreach Program, which assists youth living on the streets in finding safe and appropriate living environments, and provides them with a range of support services

Cultural Academy for Excellence

Hyattsville, MD

\$12,500

To support a music-based academic and life skills enrichment out-of-school program for 80 at-risk youth between the ages of 7 and 18

From Rags to Riches Inc.

Riverdale, MD

\$10,000

To support community-based supervision and therapeutic services to female ex-offenders in Prince George's County

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Functional Fitness 4 Kids, Inc.

Fort Washington, MD

\$14,680

To support providing a safe, fun and nondiscriminatory environment in which children can exercise, build relationships and gain nutritional information

Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.

Hyattsville, MD

\$10,000

To support the improvement and expansion of the Family Literacy Program, which serves primarily African immigrant and Latino children from low-income households

International Life Sciences Institute Research Foundation

Washington, DC

\$10,000

To support implementation of the TAKE 10! Program, which introduces grade-specific concepts with age-appropriate movement to elementary school teachers and students

Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Maryland, Inc.

Hyattsville/Landover, MD

\$6,000

To support implementation of the Saturday Academy A-MAN Program at the Samuel Massie School in Forestville, MD

Little Foot Daycare, Inc.

Accokeek, MD

\$10,000

To support purchase of a van for transporting children to recreational, cultural and arts activities

Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region

Washington, DC

\$10,000

To support augmentation of the science curriculum and expansion of recreational opportunities for Prince George's County school children

Minority Access, Inc.

Hyattsville, MD

\$12,500

To support two, three-week arts camps

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Our Black Authors Foundation

Largo, MD

\$10,000

To support expansion of the writing camp and other writing activities, including web platforms and technology, for 80 students

Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc.

Largo, MD

\$10,000

To support eight, 10-week series of Baby Arts Play and Wolftrap Residency at the organization's Adelphi/Langley Park Family Support Center

Prince George's Tennis and Education Foundation

Largo, MD

\$10,000

To support tennis instruction, fitness training, academic assistance and college preparation training to 450 youth

Reaching Objectives Through Joint Action

Suitland, MD

\$15,000

To support academic programs and activities for youth and parents from low-income households

Shabach Ministries

Landover, MD

\$5,000

To support educational and enrichment opportunities for youth in the graphics production industry

Soul in Motion Players, Inc.

Rockville, MD

\$15,000

To support Fort Washington, MD-based BodyMoves, LLC, providing enrichment opportunities to 20 youth and teens in the performing arts and fitness areas

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home

Hyattsville, MD

\$10,800

To support comprehensive residential services to young, single mothers in Prince George's County, MD

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Donald M. Taylor Aeronautical Academy

Fort Washington, MD

\$10,000

To support the implementation of formal planning pertaining to staff, curriculum design and selection of instructional materials and resources

Top Banana Home Delivered Groceries, Inc.

Brandywine, MD

\$15,000

To support helping more than 200 Prince George's County seniors maintain involvement in community life

Training Source

Seat Pleasant, MD

\$10,000

To support the planning and implementation of an eight-week Life and and Ability Skills Training Program assisting developmentally disabled youth who are exiting the public schools

United Communities Against Poverty, Inc.

Capital Heights, MD

\$5,800

To support adult basic education, job readiness and job search assistance to unemployed and/or underemployed residents ages 17 to 24

Paul Lawrence Vann Foundation

Fort Washington, MD

\$15,000

To support financial literacy and authorship for 120 youth

World Arts Focus

Mount Ranier, MD

\$10,000

To support arts education, cultural enrichment, mentoring and outreach activities in Mount Ranier, MD, and neighboring municipalities in the Prince George's Gateway Arts District/Route 1 corridor

YMCA of Metropolitan Washington

Washington, DC

\$15,000

To support expansion of the Zesty Trailblazers Program for seniors at the organization's Potomac Overlook branch in Fort Washington, MD

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