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Junior League Awards 2013 Grants

The Junior League of Greater Princeton proudly announces the recipients of its 2013 Community Grants. Awardees include Princeton Senior Resource Center (GrandPals), WomanSpace, Literacy Volunteers of Mercer County (LVMC) and the Westminster Community Life Center.

LVMC recruits, trains and supports a network of trained tutors who provide free-of-charge instruction to functionally illiterate adults through its Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) programs. The JLGP grant will provide materials to support classroom instruction for women 18 and older. The GrandPals program matches older adult volunteers with kindergarten children for the school year to encourage literacy and a love of learning. The JLGP grant will provide books, orientation and newsletter materials, background checks, and a volunteer recognition party for the seniors paired with Trenton school children.

WomanSpace provides services to individuals impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence. Children who experience or witness domestic or sexual violence are at greater risk of becoming adult offenders and have few resources to deal with their trauma. The JLGP grant will purchase therapeutic games and supplies to assist clinicians in working with the 100 children who are indirect victims of violence in their homes. Finally, the Westminster Community Life Center works to enhance and enrich the lives of Trenton families by supplementing educational services such as after school programming, summer camp, early literacy intervention, healthy living activities and community gardens. The JLGP grant will purchase kits for an after-school literacy program, including training binders, reading materials and journals for the curriculum that currently supports 47 children.

For more than a decade, the JLGP Community Grants Program has awarded \$150,000 to more than 100 organizations. All grants help support non-profit organizations that have a one-time need of goods or services for a specific program or purpose related to the League's our focus area of welfare and empowerment of women and children, including programs focusing on education, health, employment, and science literacy. Organizations must be located in the Junior League's service area of Bucks County, PA, and Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset counties in New Jersey.

The Junior League of Greater Princeton is a recognized leader in the community for developing projects and partnerships that meet the needs of Mercer County's neediest families. Through our fund-raising efforts we are able to support training programs, community projects, a scholarship program, and the Community Grants program.

If your organization is interested in applying for the 2014 Community Grants Program, please visit our website at www.JLGP.org in the fall of 2013 to access the application.