

Princeton Area Community Foundation

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PACF GRANTS \$2.5 MILLION IN 2006, ASSETS APPROACH \$50 MILLION

MERCER COUNTY, NJ --- the Princeton Area Community Foundation, a public nonprofit community foundation serving Mercer County and central New Jersey, awarded \$2.5 million in grants during 2006, including \$300,000 to 23 local organizations through its latest *Greater Mercer Grants* competitive grants program in December. By year end, PACF's total community assets approached \$50 million.

PACF collaborates with local donors including the Harbourton Foundation and the following PACF Charitable Funds to support the Greater Mercer Grants program: Tristan Beplat Fund, Blair Family Fund, Judith and Bill Burks Fund II, Jane M. Campbell Fund, PACF Founders Fund, Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Fund, Leroy E. "Brick" Purvis Charitable Fund, Barbara B. Smoyer Memorial Fund, Marjorie R. Smoyer Fund, Stanley C. Smoyer Fund, Frank E. Taplin, Jr. Fund, Trenton Fund, Weymar II Fund, Whitehead Fund, and the Willy N. Fund.

The nonprofit organizations that received the latest Greater Mercer Grants are:

American Institute for Social Justice *

\$10,000 for ACORN to organize Trenton residents to make change in their neighborhood and to build a permanent community organization

Arts Council of Princeton

\$10,000 for an after school art program in partnership with Princeton Young Achievers

Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey

\$14,000 to provide computer training to older adults and people with disabilities in Trenton

Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment

\$32,000 for an affordable housing municipal advocacy project in partnership with the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton *

\$10,000 for a training program that prepares welfare recipients for employment

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Greater Trenton Area YMCA

\$10,000 for summer day camp and after school programs

Health Care Ministry of St. Paul's

\$4,000 to expand its transportation program for the elderly

HiTOPS

\$10,000 for an after school life skills program in partnership with the Princeton Public Library

HomeFront

\$15,000 to provide case management to previously homeless, special-needs families

Interfaith Caregivers Trenton/Faith in Action *

\$12,000 to strengthen and expand outreach to isolated elders and people with disabilities

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County

\$10,000 to provide services that enable older adults in Hightstown and East Windsor to continue living in their homes as they age

Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County

\$10,000 for training courses for volunteer tutors

Mobile Meals of Trenton/Ewing *

\$15,000 to expand service to a greater number of low income, elderly, frail clients

New Jersey Future

\$50,000 to convene an outreach and planning process for municipalities from Trenton to New Brunswick in order to create a model to guide growth and preservation throughout the state

People & Stories-Gente y Cuentos *

\$40,000 to bring people together from diverse communities for literature reading and discussion

Princeton Public Library

\$6,000 for programming and services for Princeton's Latino community

Princeton Young Achievers *

\$15,000 to support arts and cultural activities for children and workshops for parents

Progressive Center for Independent Living

\$10,000 to teach self-advocacy and independent living transition skills to students with a disability in Trenton schools

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Rescue Mission of Trenton

\$10,000 for a life skills and job training program for residents that sells items over the Internet

Vessels of Praise Ministries

\$7,500 for violence prevention and anger management training for youth

Womanspace

\$7,500 for outreach and services to Latina victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

YWCA Princeton

\$22,000 for A Racial Justice Institute of the YWCAs of Trenton and Princeton to address social justice issues throughout Mercer County

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\$7,500 for a job training and placement program for residents of the Old Trenton Neighborhood in partnership with BOOST

To learn more about any of PACF's grants program, including Greater Mercer Grants, please visit PACF's web site at www.pacf.org or call 609-219-1800.

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