



WOMEN UNITED IN
PHILANTHROPY

DATE: May 13, 2011
TO: Providers of Services to Women in Bergen County
FROM: Women United in Philanthropy
RE: Announcement of Availability of Grant Funds and RFP

For the sixth consecutive year, Women United in Philanthropy is seeking applications for funding from worthy, innovative programs that help women in Bergen County become more economically stable and able to care for themselves and their families.

We are New Jersey's first women's giving circle, dedicated to strengthening the economic well-being of all women and helping to lift women out of poverty. We are 100 women strong, each member contributing \$1,000 or more to our pooled grant fund in order to invest collectively in bold, impact-oriented solutions.

This year, our members will vote to award a grant of \$100,000 to a program offering a new and innovative approach to meeting one of the following vital needs of women in Bergen County:

- *Safe, affordable housing.*
- *The ability to earn a living wage.*
- *Access to affordable health care.*
- *Help in times of unexpected financial crisis.*

Your organization has been identified by one of our members or friends as a potential applicant. I am writing to ensure that you are informed of our process and given every opportunity to consider applying for our grant.

Organizations that did not attend a training session in 2010 are **required** to attend one of two mandatory training sessions where applications and technical assistance will be provided. If you believe you are exempt from this requirement and would like to apply for our grant, please contact us at the phone or email below no later than Thursday, June 7th at 5 pm. If you attended last year's training session and would like to attend again this year, you are very welcome to do so.

The purpose of the session is to discuss the Request for Proposals, the funding priorities of our giving circle and the amount of funding potentially available. **Please choose either Monday, June 6 from 9-10:30 am OR Tuesday, June 7 from 5-6:30pm and RSVP to us with your choice at info@wuiip.org or 201-291-0601.** Organizations will have time to discuss their particular proposal ideas with members of our grant committee at the end of the session.

Completed applications will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14.

If you have an innovative program that addresses our priorities, I hope you will consider applying for grant funds.