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Creative Mentoring® Seasons of Respect Creative Transitions

Helping adults and children reach their full potential

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Local Schools Receive Mini-Grants from Creative Mentoring® and Valero

The Creative Mentoring® program announced today that 21 schools will receive funds for their school-based mentoring programs. Each of the awarded schools can use the funds to provide materials, supplies and/or events that will directly impact the students participating in the Creative Mentoring program. Twenty-one schools applied for this mini-grant and Connecting Generations, the nonprofit organization that is home to the Creative Mentoring program, was proud to have funded each and every one of them. Some of the most creative uses of the funds include using the grant money to purchase a Nintendo Wii and sports bundle; materials to encourage mentors and mentees to read together; materials that mentors and mentees could use together to make keepsake picture frames for each other; and a camera, camera case, and color printer. The funds for these mini-grants were received from the 2007 Valero Texas Open Benefit for Children's Charity Golf Classic.

Congratulations to the following grantees for their commitment to improving their mentoring programs:

Grantees

Brader Elementary (Newark)
Booker T. Washington Elementary (Dover)
Clayton Elementary (Clayton)
Laurel Kids Connection, in Conjunction with Laurel Intermediate (Laurel)
East Millsboro Elementary (Millsboro)
Georgetown Middle (Georgetown)
Lombardy Elementary (Wilmington)
Long Neck Elementary (Millsboro)
Lord Baltimore Elementary (Ocean View)
LuLu Ross Elementary (Milford)
McVey Elementary (Newark)
Mt. Pleasant Elementary (Wilmington)
North Dover Elementary (Dover)
North Georgetown Elementary (Georgetown)

Phillip C. Showell Elementary (Selbyville)
Providence Creek Academy (Clayton)
Rehoboth Elementary (Rehoboth Beach)
Shue Medill Middle (Newark)
Southern Delaware School of the Arts (Selbyville)
Springer Middle (Wilmington)
Star Hill Elementary (Dover)

The Creative Mentoring program has a great need for more mentors for schools throughout the state of Delaware. Mentors spend one hour a week in a mentoring program near where they live or work. The Creative Mentoring program provides free training and support to mentors. Any individual interested in becoming a mentor can get more information from the website at www.CreativeMentoring.org, contact Rachel Markowitz at (302) 656-2122 ext. 15 or contact any of the schools directly.

Connecting Generations is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, offering the programs Creative Mentoring, Seasons of Respect, and Creative Transitions. Their mission is to provide creative programs and services that help Delaware's children and adults lead purposeful, fulfilling, and self-directed lives. Their website is www.connecting-generations.org.

The Valero Texas Open Benefit for Children's Charity Golf Classic, a project of the Valero Energy Foundation, raises money for children's charities in the communities where Valero has major operations. The beneficiaries are nominated by Valero employees, and an all-employee committee evaluates the charities and makes the final selection by voting on which agencies they believe will provide the most benefits to disadvantaged or disabled children. The Creative Mentoring program was a 2007 recipient.

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