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Washington Area Women's Foundation Grants More Than \$200,000 to Local Nonprofits

Washington, DC – Six local nonprofits have received grants totaling \$215,000 from Washington Area Women's Foundation, the only public foundation dedicated to increasing opportunities and resources for women and girls in the Washington metropolitan region. This latest round of funding brings The Women's Foundation's grantmaking total to \$1,045,000 for the 2010 fiscal year.

The six new grants have gone to organizations in northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. that are part of The Women's Foundation's Stepping Stones initiative. Stepping Stones was created to help build the economic security and financial independence of low-income, women-headed families. It is the first multi-year initiative of its kind in this region that focuses on four interdependent issues that perpetuate the cycle of poverty: asset building, workforce development, early care and education, and health and safety.

"Stepping Stones has allowed The Women's Foundation to approach grantmaking strategically," said Nicky Goren, president of Washington Area Women's Foundation. "With this latest round of grantmaking, we are supporting programs that improve access to quality child care, help women increase their incomes and assets, and ensure that families have sufficient access to healthy food. This latest investment in our community directly speaks to the needs of women and girls in our region, particularly during these tough economic times."

The nonprofits that received the latest round of funding from Washington Area Women's Foundation are:

- **Community Tax Aid** (\$30,000)
- **DC Hunger Solutions** (\$20,000)
- **Doorways for Women and Families** (\$35,000)
- **Greater Washington Telecommunications Association (WETA)** (\$50,000)
- **Manna, Inc.** (\$30,000)
- **Prince George's Child Resource Center** (\$50,000)

For more information on Washington Area Women's Foundation, Stepping Stones or the six nonprofits receiving grants, please contact Mariah Craven, Director of Communications and Marketing at The Women's Foundation at mcraven@wawf.org or 202.347.7737, ext. 207.

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Washington Area Women's Foundation is the only donor-supported public foundation solely focused on improving the lives of women and girls in the Washington metropolitan area. Our mission is to enrich the community by engaging women in philanthropy, offering grants and operational resources and serving as a regional voice for women and girls. For more information, please visit www.TheWomensFoundation.org.