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Three Rivers Community Foundation Now Accepting Teens 4 Change Grant Applications

PITTSBURGH- Three Rivers Community Foundation (TRCF), a non-profit organization promoting "Change, not charity," is now accepting grant applications through their Teens 4 Change (T4C) program. Ranging from \$250 to \$2,000, the grant funds are aimed to support youth-led projects or projects designed specifically for youth that promote social change. The deadline for the proposals is March 19, 2012.

The applications will be reviewed and decided on by the T4C board members who are 10 Allegheny high school youth. T4C is a year-long program for teens in southwestern Pennsylvania aimed at increasing youth participation in philanthropy through grant-making and fundraising.

T4C board members range in age from 13 to 17 and meet every other Tuesday evening to learn a variety of skills including: meeting planning and facilitation, outreach, public speaking, proposal evaluation, and group decision-making. The teen board members reach out to other youths to encourage involvement in community change.

Grant funds are available for projects focused on social change topics including: disability rights; economic justice; environmental justice; LGBTQ rights; peace/human rights; racial justice; and women, youth and families issues. To qualify, applicant organizations must be based in the 10-county southwestern Pennsylvania region. T4C will award a total of \$7,000 in grants this spring.

The youth will also be working the TRCF grantmaking committee to plan and host a grantee recognition event that will take place in June to honor grantees of the T4C program and for the TRCF grant cycle. TRCF grants applications are due February 24, 2012 and will be awarded in early June.

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