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**Presbyterian Children's Village Receives Connelly Foundation Grant**  
*Improvements to Provide More Effective Services in Southwest Philadelphia*

(Rosemont, PA) The Presbyterian Children's Village has received a \$25,000 grant from the Connelly Foundation (West Conshohocken, PA) to complete a building improvement project at its Preheim Center, located at 6517 Chester Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia. This project will enable the Village to more effectively and efficiently serve children and families, particularly therapeutic services.

Darlene Hewett, President and CEO of the Village commented, "This grant allows us to expand our capacity to provide behavioral health services, which assist about 225 children and families each year. Since we opened the Preheim Center five years ago, we have quickly filled every bit of space. Our only option now is to use what we have more efficiently."

Lewis W. Bluemle, M.D., Senior Vice President of the Connelly Foundation, commented that "Along with the Foundation's financial support, you also have our deep respect for the wonderful ways your dedicated staff fulfills the important mission of Presbyterian Children's Village after more than 130 years of service."

The Preheim Center of Presbyterian Children's Village provides a wide range of crucial community-based services and prevention programs for at-risk and traumatized children and families. These include foster care, kinship care, adoption, Services to Children in Their Own Homes (SCOH) programs, mental health services, truancy services, a curfew center, after-school programs, and more. In all, the Village serves about 10,000 children and families each year, encouraging healthy familial ties and strengthening the communities in the Greater Philadelphia region from its two facilities. The Village also provides residential services from its headquarters in Rosemont. More information can be found at [www.pcv.org](http://www.pcv.org).

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