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**Presbyterian Children's Village Receives  
Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund Grant**  
*Special education support for disadvantaged teens from Delaware County*

(Rosemont, PA) The Presbyterian Children's Village has received a \$10,000 grant from the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund (administered by Wachovia Bank, a Wells Fargo Company) to help support the special education needs of disadvantaged adolescents from Delaware County who participate in the Residential Treatment Program and attend the on-campus Village School.

The on-campus, State-licensed Secondary School for students with emotional, social, and special learning needs is an integral component of the Residential Treatment Program. Residents have difficulty learning in a standard school setting and often struggle academically, mentally, and behaviorally. The licensed Private Academic Special Education School at the Rosemont campus was established in 1982 to meet the challenging needs of the residential students and to provide small, structured classrooms with a low teacher to student ratio. The Village School serves approximately 135 students each year.

Founded as an orphanage in 1877, Presbyterian Children's Village today is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the healing of the spirits of children, families and communities broken by violence, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism and other serious societal problems. The Village serves more than 7,000 children each year in the greater Philadelphia area.

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