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DVLF GRANTS OVER \$50,000 AND MORE TO COME

PHILADELPHIA, PA –The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund (DVLF) is pleased to announce a successful year of grant giving. So far in 2008, DVLF has given a total of \$50,370 to more than 30 LGBTI organizations in our community, some of which include AIDS Services in Asian Communities, Bethel Community Center, and the DVLF LGBTI Youth Endowment Fund.

The Board President of DVLF, Dorothy M. Wax, attributed DVLF’s ability to boost grant giving in 2008 to the advent of the Racial Equality Initiative, a three-year campaign to fund organizations from and serving racial minority communities.

“We’re very pleased with the Racial Equality Initiative. DVLF has been able to give more money to the community than in recent years and, consequently, new organizations have been recognized and given money to aid these groups in their capacity building efforts,” said Wax. She also ascribed DVLF’s 2008 granting to a renewed emphasis on partnering with other organizations. “We’re very happy to team up with other organizations, which helps us to give that much more,” said Wax.

DVLF’s granting efforts do not end with the Racial Equality Initiative. The Fund recently launched a Straight Allies Initiative that will provide straight allies with the ability to increase grantmaking to the LGBTI community. The Straight Allies Initiative increases funding for LGBTI youth and at-risk youth in LGBTI households.

“The new Straight Allies Initiative is especially exciting because it positions DVLF to play an even larger role in the broader community. This is an ideal way to grow our efforts and expand our reach to other underserved segments of the LGBTI community,” said DVLF Grantmaking Committee member Carolyn T. Thompson.

The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund's mission is to raise the permanent endowment for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI), and straight-allied communities. DVLF supports community organizations through grants, marketing, fundraising, technical assistance, and planned giving trainings. Revenue for DVLF grants comes from a DVLF endowment fund established at The Philadelphia Foundation, the \$350 million community foundation which manages 750 charitable funds and awards \$20 million in grants each year.

For more information, please visit DVLF’s website at www.dvlf.org. For a

complete break down of the grants, visit <http://www.dvlf.org/newsite/content.cfm?PageID=21>.

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