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Youth Shelter Funding Announced *Bucks County Foundation Supports Shelter*

April 1, 2009 – The Bucks County Foundation has announced a \$5,000 grant to Valley Youth House’s Shelter in Warminster. The grant will pay for food for youth at the Shelter, which serves runaway and homeless youth from Bucks County.

The Warminster Shelter provides emergency services to youth from ages 6-18, by providing shelter, food, clothing, and counseling to young people in need. In 2008 the Shelter served 83 area youth. Most of those served come from low income families and 95% were from Bucks County.

“We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Bucks County Foundation,” said Chuck Sipe, Valley Youth House Shelter Director. “The funding will help us to continue to provide a refuge for runaway and homeless children in need.”

Sipe noted that most children that leave home do so because of abuse or neglect. Without a family connection or stable housing, youth are at risk of victimization or may jeopardize community safety by committing petty crimes for food. Valley Youth House seeks to put those young people back on a path to stability.

The Bucks County Foundation is a charitable trust that serves Bucks County and the people who live there. Since its founding in 1979 the foundation has distributed millions of dollars for youth scholarships and to support the environment, the arts, education, and those in need. “The Foundation is pleased to support Valley Youth House and this valuable program for Bucks County teens who need shelter,” said Linda Goodwin the Foundation’s Executive Director.

Valley Youth House is a Lehigh Valley-based social services agency devoted to assuring that every child in our society will have a chance to develop into a healthy, productive, and responsible adult. The agency offers a range of residential, counseling, mental health, and life-skills education services in Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Carbon, and Philadelphia Counties.

Valley Youth House has offices in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Warminster, Norristown, and Philadelphia, and a full and part-time staff of 300. The agency serves 12,000 youth and their families each year.

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