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Ameriprise Financial Awards Community Learning Center \$10,000 Grant

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Ameriprise Financial recently awarded Community Learning Center a \$10,000 grant to support "Reading, Writing, Math, and Computer Skills for Everyday Life," a free class for vulnerable adults having low level literacy, numeracy, employability, and life skills.



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The class runs from September 2007 through June 2008, and the curriculum focuses on basic financial literacy—practical reading, writing, math, and computer tasks and skills required to manage personal and household finances, engage in the community, function as an informed consumer, and find employment. Community Learning Center, a nonprofit adult literacy program, is located in the Kensington section of North Philadelphia, one of Philadelphia's neediest neighborhoods.

The grant received by CLC is one of 44 grants totaling more than \$850,000 that Ameriprise Financial awarded during the company's second funding cycle of 2007. The company contributes more than \$8 million annually to communities across the country. For more information about Ameriprise Financial, visit www.ameriprise.com.

Founded in 1987, Community Learning Center offers free classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Educational Development (GED), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). CLC also participates in Pennsylvania's Move Up initiative, providing instruction to equip Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) clients to find and maintain employment, and hence to achieve financial independence. CLC serves, too, as an Access Point for Pennsylvania CareerLink, helping adults in the local community search for jobs, create a resume, assess skills and interests, and learn about the job market, training programs, job fairs, and other events and services.

For further information about Community Learning Center, visit www.communitylearningcenter.org, or contact Carol S. Miller, associate director (215.426.7940 or cmiller@communitylearningcenter.org).

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