



# Beech Companies

# Cecil B. Moore Community Newsletter



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## We Remember Robert Mendelsohn



Photo courtesy of Laura Elam

As the City of Philadelphia mourns the loss of a great photojournalist for the African American community, we fondly remember ‘the man with the camera.’ You would see Robert Mendelsohn at social events all over the City documenting the African American experience. If you were at an event and he was there, you can best believe that he was there for two reasons; to take photos and to partake in the food. Robert had a love for picture taking, good food, and conversations with the ladies. All the ladies loved Robert! If you knew Robert, you knew that he was a kind soul with a gentle spirit and was accepted by the African American community as our own. He leaves to mourn his passing, his sister Judy Marcus and her husband, and a host of family and friends throughout the tri-state area.

The staff and Board of the Beech Companies and the community at-large, offer the family of Robert Mendelsohn our deepest sympathies.

## Women on the Rise Workshop

*North Central Victims Services* is a non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for safe neighborhoods and support victims of crime. Through research, they have identified the need to support and empower the women in our community. They serve women through the “Women on the Rise” program. The program focuses on building the community partnerships with local organizations to bring workshops, resources, raise awareness and respond to women who have been victimized. The goal is to become a trusted outlet within the community for women to access dependable resources and services to overcome life challenges. If you have any questions about North Central Victims Services, contact the program coordinator, Shanice Cowins.

The North Central Victims Services is a community based comprehensive victim services organization that serves all types of crime victims in the 22nd Police District in North Philadelphia. Their purpose is to educate, prevent, and respond in neighborhoods as a partner in bringing the resources that will address the recovery from victimization trauma.

For more information on services and to donate, contact:

North Central Victim Services  
 1538 Cecil B. Moore Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19121  
 Tel: (215) 763-3280  
 Web: [www.ncvictimsservices.org](http://www.ncvictimsservices.org)



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## Featured Information

### Beech “Jazz on the Ave” Returned to North Philly

The 13th annual Beech “Jazz on the Ave” and Soul Stock Music Fest returned to the Cecil B. Moore community in North Philadelphia on Saturday, August 17. The free, family-friendly, day-long event took place along Cecil B. Moore Avenue from Broad to 17th Streets and was attended by thousands from all over the City, out-of-towners, and elected officials; Council President Darrell Clarke, Senator Sharif Street, Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, and Congressman Dwight Evans.

For the past thirteen years, Beech “Jazz on the Ave” Music Fest has brought residents new and old, from all walks of life together for a day of enjoyment, inclusive fun and unity. It has grown from a smaller local event to one bringing in attendees from as far as California. “The event has grown in size and the performances on both stages are equally as good,” states Christine Brown, Event Producer and Director of Beech Community Services which serves as the organization that promotes the event. “I have to say, each year I am surprised at the turnout and the awesome feedback that I receive from the festival attendees and locals. Producing the festival is a labor of love, I put my heart into making the event something that the residents in this community can be proud to call their own. I hope they (residents) know that I do this for them. Of course, I am happy to showcase our incredible community and welcome those that don’t live in the neighborhood or Philly. However, the community needs to know that this festival belongs to them and that the event is a much-needed component to building community relations.”

For the past several years, Beech “Jazz on the Ave” has teamed up with Soul Stock to bring two stages of live performances by some amazing vocalist and bands. This year was no different and by the reactions from people, they totally enjoyed the event. Of course, there were many great food vendors for the attendees to choose from, a variety of unique craft vendors and a kids zone that had a rock-climbing wall, face painting, clay sculpting, a carnival ride and other activities that kept the young people busy. There were various city agencies, nonprofits, and organizations passing out useful information and giveaways; who doesn’t like giveaways?

The day started with radio personality, Patty Jackson of WDAS, who was the host for the early part of the day on the Beech “Jazz on the Ave” stage. The Lady Saints and the Show Stoppers, two dance groups from Philly, kicked off the entertainment, followed by line dancing with Bernadette Burnette who is one of the pioneers of line dancing, and 22nd police district officer, Kiana Farlow. Both ladies undoubtedly got the crowd moving considering the outside temperature hovered around 95 degrees. It was hot and sunny but it didn’t stop anyone from having a good time. One of the festival attendees stated, “I’d rather have hot and sticky than rain and soggy.”

Dyana Williams, mid-day host on Classix 107.9 in Philadelphia hosted the 2nd half of the main stage performances. This year’s headliner, The Soul Rebels, are a jazz, funk and soul band out of New Orleans. The band has played for a multitude of artists and their explosive stage presence has led to live collaborations with the likes of: Nas, G-Eazy, Robert Glasper, Curren\$y, Talib Kweli, among many others, and opened for Lauryn Hill and Nile Rodgers. The wide-range of artists also included Philly’s own songstresses, Sherry Wilson Butler and Tia Shanae; former member of Blackstreet, Lenny Harold and Avery Wilson, past contestant on the ‘The Voice.’

The Soul Stock stage was similarly a huge hit with their blend of diverse music genres catering to a younger audience. Headlined by a Philly duo, Chill Moody and Donn-T, who make up the group, &More. In addition, there were incredible performances by: Seraiah Nicole, Eli Capella, Dante Kennedy, Sunni Smilez, Dom & Jesse Sheeba, PRLM Child, WizKid215, Kyle Steed, Michelle-Lee, Ryan Hempsey, and CJ Mills. With there being so many amazing artists in Philadelphia, Soul Stock is branded for giving seasoned and up-and-coming Indie artists a platform to display their artistry.

For updates on next year’s festival and chances to win some exciting prizes, follow us on Facebook at (Jazz on the Ave), Instagram (@jazzontheave.philly) and Twitter (@JazzontheAve). Stay connected with hashtags #jazzontheave, #jazzontheavephilly, and #JOA.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Beech Companies, North Central Empowerment Zone, Philadelphia Commerce Department, PepsiCo, Fresh Grocer, and Pub Webb. Thank you to our community and media partners; 22nd District Police Department, A Peace of PR, Nu Millennium AVS, Gray Eye, Inc., UCS, The Philadelphia Tribune, Black Professional News, Philadelphia Sunday Sun, Billy Penn, Scoop News, The Neighborhood Leader, FunTimes Magazine, Radio One, iHeart Media, Perception Media, and Photo Posse.

The festival would have not been possible without the support of the many incredible volunteers, staff, and workers. A big thank you and kudos to, Rhonda Dewdney, Ciani Ross, Cavhanah Crespo, Ameerah Williams, Comfort Essien, Kevin Cannon, Leonard Bailey, Kenny McClean, Monica Williams, Gene Williams, Pyro Art Solutions (Ladesha, Fannetta, Mike, Jeremiah, Nicole), Rashid Duggan, Julius Walker, Stacey Muse, Shalimar Thomas, Kenny Ashe, Jeff Murray, S.M.O.O.T.H., Beech scholarship recipients, Wells Management, UNI Angels, JIJ Enterprises, Donnie Moore, festival vendors, and of course the Beech Companies staff (Ken Scott, Denise Bailey, Bernard Savage, Larry Griffin), Cecil B. Moore community and businessowners, City of Philadelphia Managing Directors Office (Mechelle Sabb), Philadelphia City Services, elected officials, and all who participated in the event.

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### Registered Community Organization (RCO) Meetings

*Beech Community Services* hosts monthly public meetings for community residents to assess and discuss the physical development and proposed development in the Cecil B. Moore neighborhood. All concerned individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings. Any developer with a proposed development project in the BCS RCO targeted area interested in having their project listed on the schedule for review contact Beech's office at (215) 763-8824. All RCO meetings are held **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** at Beech Community Services, 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 1st floor. The meetings notices will be sent to all parties in the targeted development area prior to the meeting dates. Call Beech's office, or email us at [beechcompanies@gmail.com](mailto:beechcompanies@gmail.com), if you would like the notice emailed. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 are:

Thursday, October 19, 2018	5:30 pm until 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 21, 2018	5:30 pm until 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 20, 2018	5:30 pm until 7:00 pm

#### The purpose of the Registered Community Organization (RCO) as stated by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission is:

The Philadelphia Zoning Code includes provisions for ensuring that neighbors of proposed developments are notified and have an opportunity to provide input regarding zoning decisions that may impact them. This is accomplished through a standardized system of direct notification and through public meetings that are held in communities and convened by Registered Community Organizations (RCOs).

RCOs are provided notice by the Planning Commission whenever a zoning variance or special exception is requested, or when a development requiring Civic Design Review (CDR) is formally proposed, within their geographic boundaries. Where there is one affected RCO for a property, this organization convenes the public meeting that applicants are required to attend prior to being heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA); where there is more than one RCO in an area, the District Councilperson has the option to select one

or more RCO as the responsible party for convening the meeting, in cooperation with all other affected RCOs; and where there are no RCOs the District Councilperson can either choose to host the public meeting or assign an entity on his/her behalf to do so.

It is important to note that RCOs are recipients of early notification of zoning appeals and **are not** given any special privileges before the ZBA. Individual community members and/or organizations are entitled to testify at ZBA hearings or to send letters to the ZBA regardless of RCO status.

### Education, Training & Re-Entry

You're invited to attend the upcoming Civic Engagement Academy (CEA) In A Day! This CEA In A Day is about learning the tools and tactics needed to create change in your own community. Join them for a day full of training and relationship building.

#### Available Workshops:

- Goal Setting: How to set the right goals for guiding your work.
- Community Story: Why and how to tell your community's story.
- Volunteer Management: How to manage volunteers so that they keep coming back.
- Time lines & Benchmarking: How to develop small goals that let you plan and track your work along the way.
- And 8 others to choose from!

#### Training Details:

- Date: Saturday, October 19th
- Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Location: Municipal Services Building @ 1401 JFK Blvd

This training is free and open to the public, and includes breakfast and lunch. Sign up now while space is still available!

**Register at:** <http://bit.ly/ceainaday>

**Got questions?** Contact [cynthia.barnes@phila.gov](mailto:cynthia.barnes@phila.gov) or (215) 686-8412.

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### Student Scholarships for Higher Learning

The Beech Scholarship Fund (BSF) will begin accepting scholarship applications from qualified high school seniors or undergraduate students that live in Philadelphia, have graduated from a Philadelphia public, charter, or private school, have been accepted to or currently attending Cheyney University, Temple University, Lincoln University or Community College of Philadelphia for Fall 2020. To apply, applicants cannot be over the age of 24 and must meet the BSF criteria to qualify.

The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Friday, April 17, 2020. Hand delivered applications must be received and accepted by 3:00 PM to be considered, and mailed applications must be post marked by April 17th and addressed to:

Ms. Christine Brown  
Beech Community Services  
c/o Beech Scholarship Fund  
1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia, PA 19121

To receive an application, or review scholarship criteria and guidelines, visit [http://www.beechinterplex.com/bcs\\_scholarship.asp](http://www.beechinterplex.com/bcs_scholarship.asp). Please be sure to review the checklist before submitting the application and don't forget to include all requested documents. Electronic and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Beech Companies would like to congratulate Nuri Bracey and Anthony Cobb for completing their studies and obtaining degrees in Engineering from Temple University in May 2019. Both young men were recipients of the Beech Scholarship Fund for consecutive years and we wish them well in their careers. Beech would also like to congratulate Ciani Ross for obtaining her degree two semesters early in Social Relations with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Cheyney University in May 2019. When you see our rising stars and future leaders in the community, congratulate them and wish them well on their future endeavors!



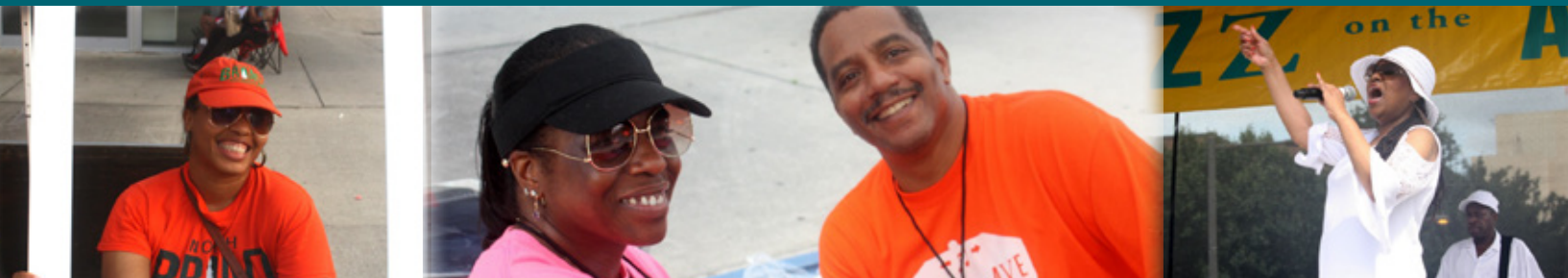
The 2019 Beech Scholarship Fund recipients are:

**Ariana Baker**, Biology, *Temple University*  
**Taliyah Barnes**, Criminal Justice, *Community College of Philadelphia*  
**Donovan Forrest**, Education, *Temple University*  
**Jelani Hasan**, Civil Engineering, *Temple University*  
**Rachel Henry**, Tourism & Hospitality Management, *Temple University*  
**Khary Jacobs**, Mass Communications, *Lincoln University*  
**Larry Mapp III**, English, *Cheyney University*  
**Andera Martin**, Psychology, *Lincoln University*  
**Jaleya Martin**, Communications, *Lincoln University*  
**Tylania Moore**, Social Work, *Temple University*  
**Oluwayemisi Oresanwo**, Biology, *Cheyney University*  
**Troy Pittman**, Mass Media, *Community College of Philadelphia*  
**Ismaela Shabazz**, Education, *Temple University*  
**Kynoebi Simpson-Hankins**, Engineering/Music, *Temple University*  
**Anya Westcott**, Communications, *Lincoln University*  
**Saul Williams**, Media Studies & Production, *Temple University*



2019 Beech Scholarship Fund Recipients (several recipients not pictured)

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### Cecil B. Moore Business Coalition (CBMBC) Meeting

Beech Community Services will host quarterly meetings for proprietors of businesses that have storefronts on the Cecil B. Moore commercial corridor between Broad and 19th Streets. The meetings are centered on discussions relating to the planning and increased business relationships between business owners, financial opportunities, and services available to business owners through the Philadelphia Department of Commerce, The Merchant Fund (TMF) and other local agencies. The goals of the meetings are to increase the interactions between business owners, and to work together to build a viable business association along the Cecil B. Moore Commercial Corridor. Business owners in the selected area that are not on the mailing list, and are interested in being included in the meetings are asked to send your name (contact person), address, business name, telephone number and email address to [beechcommunityservices@gmail.com](mailto:beechcommunityservices@gmail.com) to receive meeting notices and mailings.

The previous meeting of the Cecil B. Moore Business Coalition (CBMBC) which was held on June 4, 2019 at Pub Webb covered matters on business taxes, business succession plans, and an in-depth discussion with business owners on how to grow their business. The next meeting of the Cecil B. Moore Business Coalition will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Beech Community Services, 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 1st floor from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. A meet and greet with lite refreshments will be served between 6:00 PM and 6:45 PM.

The Business Coalition meetings are strictly for persons that operate businesses on Cecil B. Moore Avenue between Broad & 19th Streets. Due to space limitations, you must confirm your attendance by calling Christine Brown at (215) 763-8868 or email response to [cbrown@beechinterplex.com](mailto:cbrown@beechinterplex.com). When emailing your response, be sure to include your full name, business name, name of person(s) attending (limit 2 ppl per business), and contact number.

### A Way to a Healthier Lifestyle: Mind, Body & Soul



Are you looking to improve your health through fitness? Have you made excuses about not being able to get to the gym, you can't afford going to the gym, or you don't have time to go? We've all made those excuses, but Jai Gordon, owner of GymRatz Athletics has made the challenge of getting started on making your workout journey less difficult and easier on your pockets.

Jai Gordon, a Philadelphia police officer has been passionate about health and wellness for many years and she's seen first-hand how not being physically fit and healthy can impact a person's life negatively. With her desire to improve the lives of others through fitness, she took on the challenge of helping people to 'live their best lives' by opening a multi-purpose fitness gym in the community where she grew up.

GymRatz opened its doors to its new site at 6157 Larchwood Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia with a grand opening event on September 1, 2019. "The gym offers comprehensive fitness plans by some of the best fitness instructors in the City. We offer group training sessions, structural meal plans, health coaching, accountability, and we get our clients real results," states Gordon. She is concerned with helping people to attain their goals and welcome individuals from all demographics; children are welcomed and encouraged to join.

To learn more, schedule a face-to-face consultation for a nominal fee of \$25 by emailing [gymratzathletics@gmail.com](mailto:gymratzathletics@gmail.com) or by visiting their Instagram pages at [@gymratzathleticsceo](https://www.instagram.com/gymratzathleticsceo) or [@gymratzathletics](https://www.instagram.com/gymratzathletics). Consultations consist of: (1) sharing what GymRatz Athletics offer, (2) a discussion about your personal goals, (3) member plans/details and (4) answers to any questions that you have. If you decide to join on the day of your consultation, the \$25 fee is waived.

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### Opportunities for Business Owners

Is your organization or business in need of financial assistance? **The Beech Business Bank (BBB)** is a loan program managed by Beech Capital Venture Corporation that provides loans to for-profits, non-profits, and community development corporations with a primary focus on the economically distressed areas in North, West, and Northwest Philadelphia. The BBB focuses its activities in communities underserved by existing providers of private capital such as banks, credit unions, and venture funds.

The BBB provides access to capital for existing businesses, new entrepreneurs, and neighborhood-based organizations involved in activities that result in:

- The creation or expansion of businesses
- The creation and/or retention of jobs
- The construction or renovation of commercial real estate

If you are a new or existing business in need of financial assistance, visit [http://www.beechinterplex.com/bbb\\_lending\\_opportunities.asp](http://www.beechinterplex.com/bbb_lending_opportunities.asp) to get more information on how to obtain a loan for your business, or to obtain the loan guidelines and application. To schedule an appointment, contact Larry Griffin at (215) 763-8824. BCVC is a Certified Development Financial Institution of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

**Community College of Philadelphia (CCP)** has an exciting free program, “Power Up Your Business” for business owners. CCP provides a neighborhood-based approach to support small business owners in Philadelphia - to give business owners the tools they need to grow their business and help communities thrive. The 12-week program is held on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. The upcoming classes will be held at the following locations:

Northwest Regional Center: 1300 West Godfrey Avenue  
Wednesdays, January 15 to April 15 (no class March 4)  
Applications due by December 6, 2019

Main Campus: 1751 Callowhill Street  
Wednesdays, May 6 to July 22 (no class on July 1)  
Applications due by April 10, 2019

Kittura Dior, Program Director of Power Up Your Business states, “It often is beneficial if a few members of the class are on the same commercial corridor because they can work together during and after completing the class and will have a new series of tools and experiences that will help them operate well in a small team for the good of the corridor.”

If you are a business owner with a business on a commercial corridor, take advantage of these free classes. For additional information and to register, contact:

Kittura Dior, MBA  
Program Coordinator of Power Up Your Business  
Community College of Philadelphia  
1751 Callowhill Street, Suite C1-9, Philadelphia, PA 19130  
215-496-6121 Office | [www.ccp.edu/powerup](http://www.ccp.edu/powerup)

There are a few great SINGLE classes that anyone can attend and don't need to submit documentation. Visit the CCP's STORE OWNER page at: [www.ccp.edu/business-and-industry/store-owner-series](http://www.ccp.edu/business-and-industry/store-owner-series).

**The Philadelphia Department of Commerce** has available funding for business owners throughout the Philadelphia area. For more information contact the Department of Commerce at (215) 683-2100 or visit their website at [www.phila.gov](http://www.phila.gov). If you happen to be a business owner on Cecil B. Moore Avenue and would like to learn more about funding opportunities available through the Department of Commerce, contact Akeem Dixon at (215) 763-8868. Coalition members can also learn more about these and other opportunities by attending the quarterly meetings of the Cecil B. Moore Business Coalition.

### 22nd Police District Advisory Council (PDAC)

If you are a concerned citizen who lives, works, owns a business, or are a student in the 22nd police district and are looking to get involved with the community to be a part of effective change, consider joining the Police District Advisory Council (PDAC). The PDAC is comprised of business owners and individuals that work closely with the officers of the 22nd Police District to assist in bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement by improving community relations.

To be invited to a PDAC meeting, you must contact Officer Kiana Farlow at (215) 686-3220, or be invited to attend a meeting by a current member. All potential PDAC members are selected by the district captain and current members. A criminal background screening and fingerprinting are required to become a member.

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### Things to Do!

#### Light the Night Walk: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**When:** Saturday, October 26, 2019

**Where:** Philadelphia Museum of Art

**Fee:** Free **Contact:** Christine Brown - (215) 763-8868

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) - Light the Night Walk brings light to the darkness of cancer by funding lifesaving research and support for people battling cancer. The Beech staff are annual supporters of the LLS and walk in memory of Bob Smith, who was a devoted employee of Beech, Darryl Brown and Stephanie Smallwood, all of whom lost their battle to Leukemia/Lymphoma. Family, friends and co-workers gather together to celebrate, honor or remember those touched by cancer. Registration is free, but walkers are encouraged to raise funds to support the mission. These efforts culminate in inspirational and memorable evening experiences filled with music, fireworks and empowering ceremonies honoring survivors and remembering those we have lost. If you are interested in donating, walking, or joining our team, contact Christine Brown.

#### Safe Halloween Fest: 22nd Police District & Fletcher Street Urban Riding Club

**When:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 4 pm - 8 pm

**Where:** 22nd Police District - 1747 N. 17th St, Philadelphia, PA 19121

**Fee:** Free **Contact:** Officer Farlow at [kiana.farlow@phila.gov](mailto:kiana.farlow@phila.gov)

This free event is open to all and will include fun attractions, Quilly the Clown and DJ Leek. For event information and to donate, contact Office Farlow.

#### Beech "Avenue of Treats"

**When:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Cecil B. Moore Avenue (Broad to 17th Street)

**Fee:** Free **Contact:** (215) 763-8868

The 13th annual Beech "Avenue of Treats" is a free, outdoor event that provides a safe atmosphere for children living or attending school in the Cecil B. Moore community to trick-or-treat along the Cecil B. Moore business corridor in a safe environment. This is an exciting event for children with many business owners along the Avenue participating by handing out goodies, treats, and healthy snacks. Adults will be given treat bags and hot apple cider. Donations are welcome.

Face painting will be available for children without costumes at 1504 Cecil B. Moore Avenue from 5pm-7pm, only! Non-threatening costumes are encouraged.

## Mentoring Program for Teen Girls

Teenshop was founded by Emmy Award-Winning Journalist Eleanor Jean Hendley and began as an enrichment program for girls at a Philadelphia church. The program has grown to five chapters in three states and helped more than 8,000 girls of color from all zip codes achieve their goals and become productive citizens and leaders in their communities and careers. While enrolled in Teenshop, no girl drops out of school or becomes a teen parent and all graduates matriculate to college. The Teenshop curriculum is an innovative series of life skills workshops, college preparatory initiatives and community service projects. There are currently three Philadelphia chapters, one in Los Angeles, CA and one in Camden, NJ each under the leadership of five outstanding female volunteers. More than 125 girls enroll annually and through the years, Teenshop alumnae, now successful working women, have returned to assume leadership positions in their former chapters.

Zion Teenshop, a community partner of the Beech Companies, has a few spaces available for Girls With Goals in North Philadelphia! If you are a teen girl, a parent or guardian of a teen girl and would like to enroll them in the Teenshop program, the deadline is October 18, 2019. Click on the Teenshop link and complete the questionnaire [teenshop.org/questionnaire](https://teenshop.org/questionnaire). You can also email them at [teenshop1985@gmail.com](mailto:teenshop1985@gmail.com) for more information or donate.

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### Local Non-Profits Receive Grants

The Alston Beech Foundation (ABF) had its semi-annual meeting of the Consortium of Cecil B. Moore Organizations in May 2019. The Foundation provided grants totaling nearly \$20,000 to non-profit organizations that promote education, community development, social services, housing support, job assistance, children services and mentoring programs that assist residents that reside in the Foundation's target area of North Central Philadelphia.

The ABF is now accepting proposals for the next cycle of funding from eligible organizations. The proposal submission deadline has been extended until Friday, October 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Electronic documents are not accepted.

To be eligible for an ABF grant, organizations must be a non-profit and classified as tax exempt with a 501 (c)(3) status. For-profit organizations are not eligible for funding. When submitting your proposal, you must include the Grant Proposal Cover Sheet and all requested documents in order to be considered for a grant. For a complete list of grant requirements, visit [www.beechinterplex.com/alston-beechfoundation.asp](http://www.beechinterplex.com/alston-beechfoundation.asp). Proposals (8 full sets) must include the Cover Sheet, that can be found on the Beech website and supplemental documents.

Below is a listing of organizations that received grants from the Foundation in May 2019.

**All In The Family Group Association, Inc.** enriches the quality of life for residents in the Strawberry Mansion section of North Philadelphia. The organization has a 24-year reputation in the community and strives to trail-blaze in areas of programming and community development and is based at the Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center. The organization orchestrates community outreach to promote program and event awareness, volunteer recruitment, and provides recreational programming such as: Basketball, Arts and Crafts, Drama Club, and Teen Boot camp. For more information email, [allinthefamilygroupinc@gmail.com](mailto:allinthefamilygroupinc@gmail.com) or call (215) 225-7573.

**Father's Day Rally Committee (FDRC)** was formed in Philadelphia in 1989 by a group of concerned African American men. The goal

of the organization has been to reduce violence in the Black community by attacking the negative attitudes that contribute to the destruction of individuals, families, and communities. The FDRC have been able to identify the gaps in services through advocacy and interaction and have filled the need for programming that assist fathers and men within their families, school and communities. For more information, to get involved, or to donate to the organization, email Bilal Qayyum at [bilalqayyum@comcast.net](mailto:bilalqayyum@comcast.net).

**Give and Go Athletics** uses sports and athletics to promote health, human development, and informal learning. The organization was founded in 2009 when opportunities to participate in socially conscious athletic programming were minimal. Give and Go provides a therapeutic and athletic program designed to meet emotional, educational, and physical needs of youth from communities where school success and enthusiasm for learning are insignificant. Visit [www.giveangoathletics.org](http://www.giveangoathletics.org) for more information or email [giveandgoathletics@gmail.com](mailto:giveandgoathletics@gmail.com).

**Dream Program (Directing through Recreation, Education, Adventure and Mentoring)** works to close the opportunity gap for youth living in poverty through a high-dose, college-focused mentoring and enrichment program. Dream exclusively serves youth and families in project-based, affordable housing communities. They target children living in high-density poverty by providing critical youth mentoring services in 4 low-income housing developments across Philadelphia. For program information, call (610) 235-1594 or visit their website [www.dreamprogram.org](http://www.dreamprogram.org).

**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc's.** mission is to create partnerships and services that respond to the needs of those experiencing poverty in North Philadelphia; especially women, children, and persons with special needs. The focus of the organization is to identify the needs of the community which are currently not met. The organization provides quality intergenerational programming with an array of services that fall into the areas of Early Education, Youth Development, Adult Education, Workforce Development, and Adult Day Care. Visit [www.mercyneighbors.org](http://www.mercyneighbors.org) or call (215) 227-4393 for program information.



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### Local Non-Profits Receive Grants, Cont.

**Philadanco** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present the highest quality of professional dance performance and improve the skills of emerging and professional dancers and choreographers in a nurturing environment, while increasing the appreciation of dance among its many communities. Since 1970, Philadanco has advanced from a small community-based company to an internationally renowned institution that promotes new and emerging dance talent from all walks of life. It is recognized across the nation and around the world for its artistic integrity and was established on principles of providing opportunity, inclusion and hope. Call (215) 387-8200 or visit [www.philadanco.org](http://www.philadanco.org) for additional information.

**Philadelphia Youth Network** is a citywide initiative to address the skills gap by convening partners, employers, youth-serving systems, and youth to build a coordinated approach to preparing young people for future employment. The organization's vision is to alleviate poverty and inequality through education and employment. Visit their website at [www.pyninc.org](http://www.pyninc.org) or call (267) 502-3800 to get more information or to donate.

**Smith Memorial Playgrounds** has served as a model for the importance of play, children's physical health and emotional development. Today, Smith continues to be a vital resource to the community, promoting and providing access to play for an annual audience of over 180,000 children and adults throughout the region. In addition, Smith hosts several family events throughout the year, like Play-a-Palooza, Kidchella Music Festival, Healthy Halloween, and Winter Wonderland are multicultural celebrations with hands-on opportunities for play and exploration. To donate, or to get information on events, call (215) 765-4325, or visit [www.smithplayground.org](http://www.smithplayground.org).

**Union Housing Development Corporation** mission is to build and empower communities through real estate revitalization efforts with a focus on improving quality of life standards that focus on housing, health, and job training for the development of self-sustaining communities. To inquire about services, call (267) 639-6382, or visit [www.uniondevelopers.org](http://www.uniondevelopers.org).

**The Parkside Saints Youth Sports and Mentoring Association** provides a positive and safe environment for youth to gain athletic, social and personal skills. The organization helps to promote self-esteem and motivate youth to one day give back to the community by becoming a mentor. For information about the program, or to inquire about being a member, visit [www.leaguelineup.com/parksidestaints](http://www.leaguelineup.com/parksidestaints).

**The Education Advocates Reaching Today's Hardworking Students, Inc. (EARTH)** focuses on closing the achievement gap through increased family support, engagement and helping society re-think family engagement. The organization serves as a catalyst to improve community collaboration by building effective school-family-community partnerships, and removing barriers to family engagement. For additional information, call (215) 313-8808, or visit [www.earthsinc.org](http://www.earthsinc.org).



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Beech Community Services



## Featured Information



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### Philadelphia Neighborhood Home Preservation Loan Program

Restore, Repair, Renew is a new City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA) program to help Philadelphia homeowners access low-interest rate loans to invest in their properties. Lenders participating in the program are offering 10-year, 3% fixed Annual Percentage Rate loans that range from \$2,500 to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners.

Restore, Repair, Renew loans can fund a range of home repairs that focus on health, safety, weatherization, accessibility, and quality of life. The goal of the program is to help Philadelphians improve their homes and strengthen their communities.

#### Who can apply?\*

Philadelphia homeowners:

- Whose primary residence needs repairs
- With credit scores above 580
- With homeowner's insurance
- Who are up to date on public utilities and taxes or are in a payment plan with the City
- Who do not have L & I violations or will eliminate violations as part of the program

\*Additional underwriting (minimum eligibility) criteria: Borrowers must have a loan-to-value ratio at or below 105% of after rehab-value and a back-end debt-to-income ratio at or below 43%.

Number of People in the House	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$73,440
2	\$84,000
3	\$94,440
4	\$104,880
5	\$113,280
6	\$121,680
7	\$130,080
8	\$138,480

(Income guidelines subject to change annually)

#### What services are provided?

- Assistance determining if you are eligible for the program
- Receive financial counseling
- Get help identifying necessary repairs
- Connect you to a participating lender
- Assistance with finding a contractor
- Get help applying for the loan

#### What repairs are eligible?

- Roof, siding, foundation, and masonry
- Sidewalk and driveway resurfacing/replacement and outside stair repair
- Window and door repair and replacement
- Adaptations that allow for easier access to and mobility within a home
- Fixtures, plumbing, sewer, and waterline repairs and replacements
- HVAC system and water heater repair or replacement
- Electrical repairs
- Treatments related to lead-based paint
- Mold and radon mitigation
- And repairs, improvements, and upgrades related to health, safety, and quality of life.

Contact a program partner listed below (Todos hablan español):

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clarifi.org/rrr  
rrr@clarifi.org  
215-866-5200



www.restorerepairrenew.org  
restorerepairrenew@phmc.org  
877-515-0575



RRRwithPCCA.org  
awilliams@phllapcca.org  
215-567-7803

This program and the criteria and conditions thereof may be subject to future modification by the PRA. The definitive terms and conditions of any loan offered under the program will be set forth in fully executed loan documents. Unless and until such loan documents are fully executed, there shall be no contractual obligation for the lender(s) to provide any loan nor shall there be any liability whatsoever between and among the PRA, the lender(s) and any homeowner seeking a loan under the program.

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Are you looking for job assistance?

Are you a returning citizen?

***THEN RISE IS FOR YOU!***

Mayor's Office of Reintegration Services

### AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

- Convicted of a crime (Except sex offenses or arson related offenses)
- Philadelphia resident (with proof of residency)
- At least 18 years of age
- No open cases

1425 Arch Street  
Suite # 103  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215-683-3370



### ***What is RISE?***

RISE is an agency that will assist you and arm you with the tools to address the challenges you may face with your criminal history.

### ***How does RISE work?***

RISE offers a 4 week training program held Monday thru Friday which includes:

- Life Skills
- Computer Literacy
- Job Readiness Training
- Anger Management/Parenting Classes
- Resume Writing (with free flash drive)
- Employment Assistance

### ***What happens when I complete the program?***

Free vocational training (if qualify)  
Job Placement Assistance  
Expungement Assistance  
You will also receive case management services

WALK-IN TODAY

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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### Community Policing Team

**Officer Kiana Farlow**  
Community Relations Officer - [kiana.farlow@phila.gov](mailto:kiana.farlow@phila.gov)

**Officer Janae McDonald**  
Crime Prevention Officer – [janae.mcdonald@phila.gov](mailto:janae.mcdonald@phila.gov)

**Officer Courtney Gilliam**  
Victim’s Assistance Officer – [courtney.gilliam@phila.gov](mailto:courtney.gilliam@phila.gov)

**To report crimes anonymously:**  
Dial (215) 686-TIPS

**To contact the 22nd Police District Directly:**  
Call (215) 685-2705/2706

**Follow the 22nd Police District on Twitter:**  
[@PPD22ndDistrict](https://twitter.com/PPD22ndDistrict)

For issues concerning trash, hazardous waste, residential/commercial property violations, potholes or street light outages, call 311.

### Community Resources Guide

City Council - 5th District Office .....	215-686-3442
Representative Malcolm Kenyatta .....	215-978-0311
Senator Sharif Street .....	215-227-6161
Philadelphia Recycling .....	215-686-5560
Redevelopment Authority .....	215-854-6500
Philadelphia Housing Authority .....	215-684-4000
Philadelphia Commerce Department .....	215-683-2000
PHDC Weatherization .....	215-448-2160
PHDC Basic Systems Repair Program .....	215-448-2160
LIHEAP .....	215-560-2970
Community Legal Services .....	215-981-3700
Utility Emergency Services Fund .....	215-972-5170
Save Your Home Philly .....	215-334-4663
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging .....	215-765-9040
Veterans Advisory Commission .....	215-686-3256
Day Camp Programs .....	215-683-3600
Child Care Information Services .....	888-461-5437
Philadelphia Department of Recreation .....	215-683-3601
School District of Philadelphia .....	215-400-4000
GED Hotline .....	215-751-8376
Temple Small Business Development Center .....	215-204-7282
Temple PAN African Studies .....	215-204-1993
Temple Campus Police .....	215-204-1234
Department of Human Services .....	215-683-4347
Domestic Violence Hotline .....	800-799-7233
North Central Victims Services .....	215-763-3281
Crisis Hotline/Community Behavioral Health .....	215-413-7171
Philadelphia Operation Town Watch .....	215-686-1459
Philadelphia Parks & Recreation .....	215-683-3600
Licenses & Inspection .....	215-683-0580

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