

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults

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PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE WALMART FOUNDATION Gift is part of a \$2 million dollar grant awarded to The National Crittenton Foundation

Chattanooga, TN – In recognition of its work supporting marginalized girls and young women achieve their potential, Partnership has received a \$60,360 grant from The National Crittenton Foundation. The award was re-granted from a \$2 million gift from The Walmart Foundation.

“The National Crittenton Foundation and its family of agencies have been providing critical services to girls and young women for more than 127 years. The depth of the work and the impact it has had on supporting girls and young women overcome obstacles and create productive, rich lives for themselves is powerful,” said Michelle Gilliard, senior director of giving at the Walmart Foundation.

The grant – Assets for Life – is helping members of the Crittenton family of agencies build on their existing work to support marginalized girls and young women in the areas of nutrition, academic achievement, job readiness and career development.

Partnership will apply the grant monies to strengthen the agency’s current empowerment work with girls and young women through the application of a life planner that will help them develop a life plan that reflects a vision of living out of poverty and in safety. The grant will help the coach to work with girls and young women to shape individual career visions and action plans; this will include job skills coaching, resume assistance, interview skills, job search skills, and job retention skills customized to each participant. Through the use of the life planner, each participant will explore and develop her own unique belief system, goals, and vision.

“Partnership is excited to offer these additional services for the girls and young women in our programs. Our case managers already offer career guidance and job readiness referrals, but this grant will enable us to enhance these efforts two-fold. The timing of the grant is perfect, given Chattanooga’s economic growth and influx of jobs,” says Sandra Hollett, Partnership C.E.O. “Our young women will be empowered to reach their fullest potential whether they enter the workforce here in Chattanooga, or elsewhere.”

“It is rare to receive resources that allow the agencies to build on existing programs and provide direct services without lots of constraints. We thank The Walmart Foundation for its generous gift that will make a positive, immediate and long-term impact on the health, education and employment of the young women in this country who need it most,” said Jeannette Pai-Espinosa, president of The National Crittenton Foundation.

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About Partnership: Partnership is a community impact agency that has been empowering people to build better lives through counseling, crisis intervention, prevention and education programs for over 130 years. Last year, our services touched the lives of over 74,000 people in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Partnership is a United Way Member Agency, a member of the Crittenton family of agencies, and is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation.

About The National Crittenton Foundation: Established with a social justice mission in 1883 The National Crittenton Foundation (TNCF) is the umbrella organization for 26 members of the Crittenton family of agencies providing services in 31 states and the District of Columbia. For more than 100 years Crittenton agencies have offered

comprehensive gender and culturally responsive, trauma-informed, strength-based services in diverse settings. Agencies are part of the continuum of care and provide residential treatment, in-home, in-school and community-based care.

The girls and young women who come to Crittenton have complex stories. They enter our doors through a variety of systems including child welfare/foster care, juvenile justice, homeless and runaway youth, and mental health systems. Nearly 100 percent are survivors of severe violence, abuse and neglect from which they require intensive support to heal.

At the core of our work is a mandate to address the profound impact of root causes such as sexism, racism, poverty and violence on the lives of girls and young women who have always lived at the margin of the American dream. Across the country—in partnership with the young women we support—Crittenton is a passionate champion on the belief that the future of girls and young women living at the margin must not be determined by their past. We believe in the power of potential.

That National Crittenton Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization, based in Portland, Oregon.