

GAB makes headline news! Read all about it.

Our Girls Advisory Board (GAB), an award-winning girls grantmaking program, selected seven Chester County agencies to receive grants totaling \$20,000 from the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls.



This year's Girls Advisory Board with their advisors

Since GAB's founding in 2005, a total of \$170,000 has been awarded. The girls in this year's program made grants to organizations that addressed the girls' top funding priority: **helping young women and girls who are affected by economic disparities and a lack of basic needs.**

These include: health care, housing, and issues of mental illness, low selfesteem, eating disorders, peer pressure, anxiety, stress and violence. The Fund has awarded over \$1.6 million total in grants, and our Girls Advisory Board has

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awarded grants over the past eight years to programs that aim to improve the lives of girls and young women in the county. Nobody describes the grantmaking experience better than our own GAB girls:

"GAB has changed my life and made me a better and more aware person." -- Paige

"Before GAB, I truly wasn't fully aware of the many challenges girls in my own community face. Now I am better educated about the needs that are out there. I gained knowledge about philanthropy, non-profits, the grantmaking process, teamwork, and have had wonderful female role models to learn from." -- Rachel

The 2013 recipients of GAB grants are:

Chester County Community Dental \$2,250.00 Girls' Smiles Program

Chester County Food Bank \$4,500.00 Children's Food Backpack Program

Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children \$3,000.00 Homeless to Independence Initiative Program

The Garage Community and Youth Center \$1,500.00 Afterschool Programs for Girls

Home of the Sparrow \$3,000.00 Transitional Housing Program

Parkesburg Point \$2,750.00 Girls-to-Women in the World Program

YoungMoms \$3,000.00 YoungMoms program

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