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Valley Youth House Expands Educational Opportunities at Lehigh Valley Shelter

November 4, 2009 – Verizon has awarded Valley Youth House a \$3,000 grant. The funding will be used to upgrade computers and software at the agency’s emergency youth shelter in Bethlehem.

Upon receiving the grant Lorrie Reddy, Director of the Lehigh Valley Shelter expressed gratitude to Verizon, “The enhanced technology will enable us to improve our educational programs for kids at the Shelter who are unable to attend their home schools. For these kids the opportunity to stay current with their academics and engaged with ongoing education is extremely important. We are extremely grateful for this generous gift.”

Reddy noted that the Shelter serves more than 200 abused, neglected, and homeless youth each year, often serving as a last line of defense between teenagers and the street.

“Verizon is proud to improve the quality of life for our youth and families in the Lehigh Valley by empowering the community with innovative tools and resources,” said Daniel J. Reavy, Director of External Affairs – Verizon Pennsylvania. “We’re investing in programs, such as our partnership with Valley Youth House, to reach every type of learner across the lifespan and to touch people’s lives by focusing on education, health and family safety in the 21st Century. We understand that education does not begin or end in the classroom. Visit www.thinkfinity.org to learn more.”

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, Luzerne, and Philadelphia Counties.

Valley Youth House has offices in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Warminster, Norristown, and Philadelphia, and a full and part-time staff of more than 300. The agency serves 12,000 youth and their families each year, more than 90% of whom are from the Lehigh Valley.

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