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TRAWICK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$150,000 TEAMUP GRANT AWARD

***Camp Wings* project to serve middle school boys**

The Trawick Foundation is pleased to announce a grant award to a team of four nonprofits serving middle school boys, living in Montgomery Housing Partnership's affordable rental communities in Silver Spring and Takoma Park. The lead nonprofit organization is Class Acts Arts with partners, Montgomery Housing Partnership, The Pre-Flight Initiative, and Pyramid Atlantic Art Center. The grant award is for \$150,000 with two option years funded at the same level if the prior year's objectives are met.

Camp Wings will serve 30 middle school boys in a STEAM type program (science, technology, engineering, art and math). They will participate in out-of-school time activities to investigate the concept of flight in nature, aviation, and space exploration as well as flight as a means of self-expression in the arts. In addition to a 5 week summer camp, the youth will be engaged throughout the year with monthly field trips or "hands-on" workshops, and a spring break camp focused on a group art project to be donated to their community.

"Collaboration among nonprofits has proven to be a successful strategy," said Carol Trawick, President. "We are especially excited to see collaboration among four organizations that will bring their unique competencies to a program designed with strategies to engage high-need young males in out-of-school time activities."

It is the objective of the TeamUp grant program to encourage nonprofits to work in partnership in order to maximize the utilization of their resources and to employ best business practices. The participating nonprofits were required to attend a briefing session as well as seminars on budget development and outcomes. During the proposal development phase, each team met with a Foundation provided consultant to develop and enhance their collaborative process. Further consulting support will be given the *Camp Wings* team members to assure adequate program evaluation.