

**Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development (PPND) announces 2010
Investments in Pittsburgh City Neighborhoods**

Pittsburgh – 2/10/2010 -- The Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development (PPND) announces investments in communities across the City of Pittsburgh. 2010 grants will total over \$1.3 million dollars in community investment by PPND.

In 2010, PPND launched a new way of grant making and investing in neighborhoods. A significant portion of PPND funds will be directed to four multi-neighborhood target areas which have been coined as Pittsburgh's "Champion Neighborhoods". The remaining portion of PPND funds are being invested in a number of strategic neighborhood revitalization efforts across the city and into the region.

"Our Champion Neighborhoods Program is designed to foster healthy and whole communities that are great places to live, work, play and raise families. The comprehensive approach to our investments not only focuses on improving, maintaining and creating the physical environment of a neighborhood, but also the health and wealth of the community and its citizens.", says PPND President, Ellen Kight

The Champion Neighborhoods include:

- **Allegheny City Champion Neighborhoods:** Northside neighborhoods including Historic and East Deutschtown, Central Northside, Allegheny West as well as Allegheny Commons and Allegheny Center.
- **East End Champion Neighborhoods:** East End neighborhoods including Bloomfield, Garfield, East Liberty, Friendship and Lawrenceville.
- **Hilltop Champion Neighborhoods:** Hilltop neighborhoods including Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Bon Air, Carrick, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Mt. Oliver Borough and St. Clair.
- **Pittsburgh Central Champion Neighborhoods:** Central neighborhoods including Oakland, Uptown and the Hill District.

PPND has not forgotten the needs and opportunities of other areas of city including first-ring suburbia. To support these areas, in 2010, PPND has invested in community organizations including:

- **McKees Rocks Community Development Corporation**
- **Natrona Comes Together Association**
- **South Side Local Development Company**
- **West Pittsburgh Partnership**
- **Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation**

For additional information go to www.ppnd.org.

About PPND. . .

Over the past 25 years, PPND has been working in Pittsburgh's communities by providing investments that help to make our neighborhoods cleaner, safer and stronger. With our partners we've proven that these places can gain the strength to support Pittsburgh's prosperity.

Corporations, governments and philanthropies want to deploy funds where there is both need and promise. That's where we come in. PPND works as an intermediary, allocating financial support to local communities by:

- *Raising Funds*
- *Making Strategic Grants and Loans*
- *Developing Local Leadership*
- *Providing Market Data for Smarter Decisions*
- *Connecting the neighborhoods to award winning ideas in community development*