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**WOMEN IN TRANSITION TO BECOME SUBSIDIARY OF PATHWAYS PA**

*Clients from both organizations will be able to access enhanced opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency, long-term well-being and reduce their vulnerability to domestic violence and substance abuse.*

**WHO:**

- R. Andrew Swinney, *President*, The Philadelphia Foundation
- Ann Schmieg, *Senior Vice President of Community Impact*, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
- Debra Kahn, *Executive Director*, Delaware Valley Grantmakers
- Carol Goertzel, *President/CEO*, PathWays PA
- Roberta L. Hacker, *Executive Director*, Women In Transition

**WHAT:**

- Affiliation Agreement and Reception between PathWays PA and Women In Transition
- Hosted by The Philadelphia Foundation and The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

**WHEN:**

- Tuesday, February 26, 2013
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**WHERE:**

- The Philadelphia Foundation: 1234 Market Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia PA

PHILADELPHIA – PathWays PA and Women In Transition are creating a partnership to better serve women in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

After thorough study of their shared missions, WIT has agreed to become a subsidiary of PathWays PA. Both organizations will continue to operate as separate legally recognized entities, but PathWays will have governance and financial oversight of WIT. This new affiliation is scheduled to be announced at an Affiliation Reception on February 26, 2013, hosted by The Philadelphia Foundation and The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

Under the new arrangement, executive directors for each organization will remain responsible for day-to-day operations of their respective agencies, including the execution of the organization's programmatic and development plans. PathWays PA will provide financial management and IT services for WIT, which will enable the WIT director to focus on program development, fund-raising and delivering the highest-quality services possible.

Clients of both organizations will now have a "one-stop shop" where women can receive a full spectrum of services. The boards and leadership of PathWays and WIT are energized by the mutual goal of together providing high-quality services to help vulnerable women and families achieve self-sufficiency, long-term well-being, safety and sobriety.

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*PathWays PA was founded in 1978 as the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives. It served as one of Pennsylvania's first residential programs to keep low-income, vulnerable women together with their children and has grown to become one of the Greater Philadelphia Region's foremost providers of residential and community-based services for women, children and families. Each year over 6,000 women, children and families benefit from our full complement of social services; job training and employment assistance; as well as outreach and residential programs as they move along the path to self-sufficiency.*