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The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust provides \$18,000 for clothing and shoes for shelter youth

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The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust announced its continued support of BCS YES! through a generous grant of \$18,000 to provide new clothing and shoes for homeless youth.

“The Trustees of the W. W. Smith Charitable Trust reviewed the BCS YES! proposal and approved a one-year grant for \$18,000,” states Ms. Michelle Montgomery, Grant Administrator at the Trust, which is based in West Conshohocken. “We are pleased to take an active role toward [the] agency’s successful endeavors,” adds Ms. Montgomery.

Through the Will of William Wikoff Smith, the W. W. Smith Charitable Trust was established in 1977. Today, Mrs. Mary L. Smith serves as one of the Trustee and oversees the Trust’s mission to fund projects and programs of non-profit organizations from Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties as well as the City of Camden, New Jersey. The Trust is specifically focused on areas involving basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter; supplementing higher education; and basic medical research primarily in Heart Disease, Cancer, and AIDS.

“Support from the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust helps to meet an important need of incoming and current program youth,” states Laurence W. Buchholz, Executive Director at BCS YES! “To a youth in out-of-home placement, acquiring new shoes and clothing is a transforming experience, and is also part of our mission to provide quality care to the youth we serve,” he adds.

Formerly Baptist Children’s Services, BCS YES! began as an orphanage in 1879. Today, the Agency provides shelter to nearly 500 youths of southeastern Pennsylvania. Residential care and case management are administered in group homes and emergency shelters. BCS YES! provides academic tutoring, therapeutic recreation, medical and dental health care, fitness and nutrition, life skills, and individual and family counseling. For volunteer or employment opportunities, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to BCS YES! please visit www.bcsyes.org, or call 610-879-1440.

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