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Caroline Center Receives eBay Foundation Grant

Caroline Center, a nonprofit workforce development organization dedicated to educating underemployed and unemployed women in Baltimore City for careers with potential for advancement, has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the eBay Foundation Corporate Advised Fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The grant was recommended by eBay Foundation's employee-volunteer led Baltimore GIVE Team. The funds will be used to help defray the cost of public transportation to Caroline Center so that trainees can attend the program and also with the legal costs associated with expunging records, both of which could be barriers to training and employment for underserved women.

Executive Director Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, said "The generous eBay Foundation grant will help alleviate potential barriers to sustainable employment for financially vulnerable women and make it possible for them to receive education and training at Caroline Center that will lead to employment opportunities as certified and geriatric nursing assistants and pharmacy technicians as well as opportunities for additional professional healthcare certifications and advanced academic degrees. This particular grant supports well Caroline Center's holistic approach to educating a woman, so that she is empowered to reach the fullness of her potential and better able to create a future of hope for herself and her family."

"eBay Foundation was developed to reach beyond the boundaries of eBay's virtual village to develop strong communities that bring people together," said Amy Millington, president of eBay Foundation. "Through our GIVE Teams, we've been able to identify and support a wide variety of outstanding programs that educate children in India, assist seniors in Germany, and mentor at-risk youth in Omaha, to name a few. We couldn't be happier to add to our list of beneficiaries by supporting Caroline Center in its efforts to educate and empower underserved women through education, career skills training, and meaningful employment with opportunities for advancement."

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2015-16, Caroline Center provides a scholarship-based education and career skills training program to help women in Baltimore out of low-wage jobs and unemployment into sustainable careers with opportunities for advancement. Inspired by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Caroline Center's holistic approach empowers women to reach the fullness of their potential, thus creating a future of hope for themselves and their families.

If you want an urban renaissance, start with the women, start with Caroline Center.

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