



FACT SHEET: The Saturday Club



August 10, 2009 – Wayne, PA – The Saturday Club, founded in 1886, is the oldest women’s club in Pennsylvania and among the oldest in the nation. For more than a century, members of The Saturday Club have been providing leadership and effecting change; working tirelessly to raise funds and donating countless hours of volunteer time to improve the lives of women, children, and families in the greater Philadelphia region.

Since its inception, The Saturday Club has been a leader in the community for social change and innovative charities with a special focus on ill and underprivileged children and women in need, women’s issues, children’s advocacy, education, and health. Early examples include sponsorship of a 1907 resolution for child labor regulations in Pennsylvania, creation of the first local kindergarten in 1915, campaigning for separate facilities for women in county jails in 1916, and transformation of the Clubhouse into an emergency hospital with a separate children’s ward during the influenza epidemic of 1918.

This commitment to helping women and children in need continues today. We have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to local hospitals, libraries, college scholarships, and a wide range of organizations serving children and families in the greater Philadelphia region. In addition to our annual American Girl Fashion Show philanthropy recipient, The Saturday Club distributes grants in the spring and fall to worthwhile local organizations working to affect the lives of women and children in our community.

Recent beneficiaries of financial and volunteer support include Daddy’s Spirit Moves Me Forward, Laurel House, Children’s Aid Society/Philadelphia Society for Services to Children, Philadelphia USO, ConKerr Cancer, Radnor ABC House, Girls Star Inc., St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter, Katie Samson Foundation Inc., and Family Forum.

Our financial philanthropy is possible due to the success of our primary fundraiser, The American Girl Fashion Show. Our eighth annual fashion show weekend will take place on March 6 and 7, 2010 at The Desmond in Malvern, Pennsylvania. The American Girl dolls are a poetic fit to the work of The Saturday Club. The lessons of independence and charity that the American Girl characters promote create a foundation for today’s girls to take action in their own time and in their own communities.

We invite you to learn more about The Saturday Club by attending our annual American Girl Fashion Show weekend or a monthly membership meeting. Learn more by visiting us online at <http://www.saturdayclub.org> or call 610.688.9746.