

WOMEN FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION and TURNING POINT ACTION AWARD

Key Facts

November, 2009

- Women for Social Innovation, a Philadelphia area giving circle, gave their first annual Turning Point Prize of \$15,000 to Jamie Gauthier for her winning idea, Mommy Grads. The award was announced at the annual Women's Way dinner on May 6, 2009.
- The mission of Women for Social Innovation is to provide philanthropic investments to emerging social innovators whose ideas hold promise. The annual Turning Point Prize is intended to support the project of an emerging social entrepreneur who develops a creative and entrepreneurial solution to a difficult problem affecting women, girls and families in the greater Philadelphia area.
- Candidates are judged on project definition, project goals and impact, innovativeness of idea, feasibility of project plan, and entrepreneurial spirit.
- Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Age 18 to 35.
 - Reside or be in enrolled in an institution of higher learning in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia counties in Pa., and Camden, Burlington, or Gloucester counties in N.J.
 - Be sponsored by an educational institution or other 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.
- For application information for the 2010 Turning Point Prize go to www.womenforsocialinnovation.org
- Women for Social Innovation is a Philadelphia area giving circle that provides financial support and advises a donor-advised fund of WOMEN'S WAY.
- Founded in 1977, WOMEN'S WAY is the nation's oldest and largest women's funding federation. WOMEN'S WAY's mission is to fight for and achieve women's equality, safety, self-sufficiency and reproductive freedom through women-centered funding, advocacy and education.

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