The 2023 Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival promises to be the best one yet, as it returns to Saunders Park Greene (39th & Powelton) on Saturday, July 15 from Noon to 7pm. The Festival celebrates West Philadelphia and jazz musicians with spectacular live performances, local vendors, fun children’s activities, and delectable treats from food trucks.

The all-day event is free and open to the public, organized by HopePHL™ (formerly People’s Emergency Center and Youth Service, Inc.), The Producer’s Guild of Philadelphia, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, and a committee of community members, with technical assistance from Nu Millennium Media Productions.

“We are very excited about this year’s Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival,” said Bernadine Hawes, HopePHL Community Development Corporation Board Chair, “It’s guaranteed to be an enjoyable day out for anyone in or near Philadelphia on July 15.”

This year’s event features performances by Glenn Bryan and Friends, Lynn Riley & The World Mix, Dr. E. Diane Lyle-Smith & Friends, MJS Trio, and the Brent White Ensemble. The headline act is Spontaneous Creativity, led by Duane Eubanks.

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“Celebrating the community with this festival is a high point of our calendar every year,” said Kathy Desmond, HopePHL president, “we are grateful to our planning committee, partners, and sponsors for all of their support.”

Updates about the Festival, and jazz pop-up performances leading up to it, can be found at hopephl.org/lancaster-avenue-jazz-festival and @hopephlorg on Facebook.

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HopePHL™ receives $250,000 Housing for Everyone Grant from TD Charitable Foundation

HopePHL™ was recently awarded a $250,000 Housing for Everyone grant from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®. HopePHL™ is one of 37 non-profit organizations selected from more than 450 applicants to receive a Housing for Everyone grant as part of the TD Charitable Foundation's signature grant initiative that has helped support organizations that are focused on providing affordable housing and affordable housing services since 2005.

In recent years the housing affordability crisis has continued to be a financial burden on families. As individuals and families across the country struggle with inflation and an exponential rise in rental costs, affordable housing providers face increased hardship given the growing demand for affordable rental units and emergency rental assistance.

The grant will support HopePHL’s homelessness prevention work, which assists people at risk of homelessness in Philadelphia to remain in their homes and avoid emergency shelter. Through case management and direct financial assistance grants, the agency’s program provides West Philadelphia families with support to overcome a housing crisis.

“We are excited to support HopePHL and their homelessness prevention efforts across West Philadelphia as part of this year’s Housing for Everyone grant competition,” said Rob Curley, Regional President of Metro PA/NJ, TD Bank. “I am inspired by their work providing a range of services aimed at creating a pathway to stable, affordable rental housing and look forward to seeing what they will continue to accomplish for our most vulnerable communities in the coming months and years.”

Through the 17th annual Housing for Everyone grant competition, the TD Charitable Foundation awarded $7 million across the Bank’s Maine-to-Florida footprint and Michigan to help support affordable housing organizations who focus on preserving affordable rental housing in their work to deliver rental assistance, rehabilitate affordable rental housing properties, and build organizational capacity to address resident sustainability for the long-term. Since 2005, the TD Charitable Foundation has given more than $49 million dollars to non-profit and charitable organizations through the Housing for Everyone grant competition and helped support more than $50 affordable housing projects and initiatives.

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