



*Celebrating 176 Years of Services  
To Children and Families*

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### **Turning Points for Children Receives \$5,000 Gift from Republic Bank To Support Its Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program**



Republic Bank provided \$5,000 of EITC funds to Turning Points for Children for their Families and Schools Together (FAST) program. From left, Turning Points CEO Michael C. Vogel and CFO Dawn Holden, with Republic Bank Sales Manager, Assistant VP Randy Wolfe and Regional Commercial Lender, VP James D' Antonio, at the bank's 1601 Market Street branch.

PHILADELPHIA, PA *November 28, 2011* – Turning Points for Children received a \$5,000 grant from Republic Bank to support its Families and Schools Together (FAST) program. Republic Bank utilized Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to make the gift possible.

Turning Points for Children's FAST program works closely with school principals and counselors, mental health and substance abuse providers, and community leaders, to provide parent education and family support services. The goal of the FAST program is to

strengthen families by using available resources such as partnerships to promote parent nurture, improve relationships and increase children's success in school.

Enacted in 2001, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program provides a tax credit to businesses that pay Pennsylvania's corporate income tax for contributions to organizations that either provide educational improvement or give private-school scholarships to eligible children. The EITC program enables a Pennsylvania business to direct up to \$300,000 of its Pennsylvania state tax dollars in these ways.

### **About Republic Bank**

Republic Bank is the operating name for Republic First Bank. Republic Bank is a full-service, state-chartered commercial bank, whose deposits are insured up to the applicable limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Bank provides diversified financial products through its 13 offices located in Abington, Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd, Plymouth Meeting, Media and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Voorhees, New Jersey.

### **About Turning Points for Children**

Celebrating its 176th year of service to the community, Turning Points for Children is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, the result of the merger of the Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children. In 2011 alone, they have served more than 5,300 children and over 2,700 families by providing innovative programs that nurture families with children through after-school family programs, teen parent education, assistance to relative caregivers, and in-home services to children who are at risk for potential abuse and neglect. For more information about the programs of Turning Points for Children, phone 215-875-4960, or email: [info@turningpointsforchildren.org](mailto:info@turningpointsforchildren.org).

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