

PNC grant to Business Center

The Business Center for Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise received a \$7,500 grant for general operating support and to further economic development for small businesses located in the Northwest. Announcement of the grant was made by Carol Clark Lawrence, Vice President of PNC Community Development Banking, whose Board of Managers approved the grant July 30. Pamela Rich-Wheeler, executive director of The Business Center, said the funds would be used for technical assistance, business-incubator services and other general program support.

"We are honored to receive the grant because it will allow us to im-

prove the organization's ability to provide technical assistance in the areas of business plan development and one on one coaching to deserving individuals. For this reason I am thrilled," said Rich-Wheeler.

The Center was started in 1999 by Rich-Wheeler and elders from New Covenant Church and is now an independent non-profit organization. It provides one-on-one consulting, educational workshops, a youth entrepreneurship program, a women's business plan competition and virtual incubation services to over 400 small businesses annually. To take advantage of the Center's services and programs call at 215-247-2473, ext. 7 or visit www.thebizctr.com