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**Social Venture Partners Delaware Gives \$99,000 to Improve Early Education in Delaware**

*Wilmington venture philanthropy non-profit host Annual Update on Early Childhood Education and announces new Investees.*

**(WILMINGTON)** — May 19, 2009 – Social Venture Partners Delaware (SVP DE), a Wilmington venture philanthropy based non-profit hosted an Annual Update on Early Childhood Education and announced new investee organizations at the Delaware Museum of Natural History on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Since 2003, SVP DE has given more than \$1.4 million dollars and over 10,000 volunteer hours in early childhood education programs in the state of Delaware. **SVP DE is excited to focus on two new investments in Kingswood Community Center and Mom’s House® Wilmington.** In addition, SVP DE will continue to support the Latin American Community Center, the Psychology Resident Program through Alfred I. Dupont Hospital, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware, and a Curriculum Development Specialist.

“Kingswood Community Center and Mom’s House® Wilmington are two unique and exciting organizations. SVP DE is investing specifically in Kingswood’s Early Childhood Education services. We hope to improve the quality of educational services offered, increase the number of children who participate in the program and explore the possibilities of collaboration with other service agencies. SVP DE will also offer services to Kingswood that our other early learning centers have enjoyed; Ed Murphy

has agreed to serve as the Lead Partner for Kingswood. At Mom's House® Wilmington we hope to help increase enrollment of single mothers/ fathers and the number of children within their child care center. SVP DE looks to pursue collaborations for Mom's House with other centers in the community including those SVP DE supports." says Eileen Dalton, SVP DE Investment Committee Chair.

The evening continued with SVP DE President David Woods saying, "Too many children growing up in our at-risk neighborhoods are ill-equipped and unprepared to enter kindergarten. SVP DE exists to give these children and families access to quality child care. Today's economy may be challenging and the economic future in doubt for funders and donors alike, but these children and these families have experienced challenges for far too long and they have little hope without the intervention of programs like Social Venture Partners Delaware. The group of more than 90 individuals included, SVP DE Partners, business and community leaders, and members from the programs receiving grant awards.

Founded in 2002, SVP DE has worked to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of children and families in Delaware. SVP DE Partners see their investments of time, talent and treasure having immeasurable impact. Children are becoming prepared for Kindergarten, schools are expanding, teachers are being trained and parents are becoming more involved.

### **About Social Venture Partners Delaware**

Social Venture Partners Delaware (SVP DE) is part of a growing movement to make high-quality early childhood education available to all children in Delaware. SVP DE uses a new concept of giving based on the venture capital model that combines financial investment with partner expertise to nurture those investments with guidance and resources to ensure success. For more information, please visit [www.svpde.org](http://www.svpde.org).

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