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Columbus Federation of Settlements Receives Grant from Nationwide

(Columbus, Ohio) – The Columbus Federation of Settlements (CFS) announced today that it received a grant of \$40,000 from the Nationwide Foundation. The grant will be used to develop an IT Strategic Plan.

Developing the IT Strategic Plan is foundational to a larger project of obtaining a software application for CFS member agencies that improves their ability to accurately and more easily measure impact, outcomes and results of programs and services. According to Louise Alluis, CFS Executive Director, “The use of a common software solution will create efficiencies not only in the software purchases and training, but also will enable CFS to more easily report aggregate data on the collective work of member Settlement Houses.”

“Nationwide is pleased to support the Columbus Federation of Settlements and the important work it does,” said Chad Jester, vice president of corporate public involvement for Nationwide and president of the Nationwide Foundation.

The Nationwide Foundation is an independent corporation funded by contributions from Nationwide companies. Founded in 1959, the Nationwide Foundation has committed more than \$190 million since 2000 to help nonprofit organizations in communities where Nationwide associates and their families live and work. Just as Nationwide supports its customers in their moment of need, the company’s involvement in its home communities is focused on supporting organizations that help people facing critical or immediate need. Nationwide, Based in Columbus Ohio is one of the largest insurance and financial services organizations in the world. For more information, visit nationwide.com.

The Columbus Federation of Settlements (CFS) is a not-for-profit organization that represents a coalition of seven Columbus area Settlement Houses. Settlement Houses, neighborhood centers deeply rooted in their individual communities, collectively serve more than 45,000 people each year in Columbus through services that include youth programs, outreach, senior services, food pantries, child care, counseling, computer train, employment counseling, GED classes, and home repair. The mission of CFS is to strengthen the capacity of individual Settlement Houses so they can more effectively serve their unique communities. This includes helping member agencies improve operational efficiencies, develop economies of scale, and build stronger community partnerships.

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