



Phoenix House
Rising Above Addiction

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**PHOENIX HOUSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RECEIVES \$150,000 GRANT FROM
AMERICAN EXPRESS FOUNDATION**

NEW YORK, NY – July 31, 2014 – Phoenix House Foundation is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the American Express Foundation to support the Phoenix House Leadership Academy.

The American Express Foundation’s gift will support leadership training and professional development for Phoenix House’s emerging leaders. The Phoenix House Leadership Academy will give employees who have demonstrated exemplary potential the opportunity to develop their leadership capabilities, management skills, and confidence. Training seminars, experiential exercises, and individual coaching will benefit talented Phoenix House employees as they prepare for a role in senior management, ultimately advancing their professional contribution, enhancing their careers, and helping Phoenix House to become an employer of choice.

“We are tremendously grateful for the American Express Foundation’s generous support,” said Phoenix House President and CEO, Howard Meitiner. “The Phoenix House Leadership Academy will contribute to the culture of excellence at Phoenix House and strengthen our ability to serve individuals struggling with substance abuse and dependence for years to come.”

“American Express is pleased to support the Phoenix House Leadership Academy as part of our commitment to nurture the next generation of nonprofit leaders,” said Timothy J. McClimon, president of American Express Foundation. “We are thrilled to help their employees build the leadership and business skills needed to take this great organization to the next level.”

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About Phoenix House:

At Phoenix House, we strive to meet the distinct needs of each individual client, and we are known for our innovative and research-tested treatment methods and practices. More than 120

programs in California, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Metro D.C. help individuals and families affected by substance abuse lay the foundation for long-lasting recovery, so they can lead healthy, productive lives.

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American Express: Developing New Leaders for Tomorrow

One of American Express' three philanthropic platforms is Developing New Leaders for Tomorrow. Under this giving initiative, which recognizes the significance of strong leadership in the nonprofit and social sectors, American Express awards grants focused on training high potential emerging leaders to tackle important issues in their communities. More than 15,000 emerging nonprofit and social sector leaders worldwide have benefitted from American Express leadership programs that address the growing deficit of leadership talent in the nonprofit sector.