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Alliance for Women and Children to Close A-Teens Program to Focus Fundraising Efforts on Alliance After School Care

Abilene, TX, October 17, 2017 – The Alliance for Women and Children’s Board of Directors voted today to focus its fundraising efforts solely on the Alliance After School Care program and discontinue the A-Teens program. This decision is strictly a financial one as the A-Teens program is projected to net a \$70,000 loss at the end of its fiscal year. As grant funding, donations, and contributions to nonprofits continue to decline, the Alliance for Women and Children proactively chooses to direct its fundraising efforts on its sustainable program. As the organization approaches its 100th anniversary, the Board and staff work diligently to meet the community need for its elementary school-aged children and families for another 100 years.

“The decision to discontinue our A-Teens program is not one that was taken lightly,” says Jenny Young, President of the Alliance Board of Directors. “We are committed to being good stewards of the donations and funding received by the Alliance for our programs and After School Care is financially stable. We will turn our efforts toward making Alliance After School Care the highest quality and meet the needs of the families we serve through this exceptional program.”

The A-Teens program serves middle school girls in 4 local school districts and enrolls approximately 50 girls during the school year and 60 weekly in the summer. The purpose of the program is to provide teen girls with a safe environment to improve their self-esteem and discover their unique potential. The program offers a once weekly after school club during the school year and a summer day camp.

“We have connected with other youth programs in our community to place our A-Teens in other positive environments and we are actively working to place our Program Director in another position,” says Executive Director, Toni Brockway. “Fees paid by our current clients will be reimbursed as well as any funding that we have received for the

school year. If circumstances change over the next few years and we received funding for this program, we could bring it back.”

The Alliance for Women and Children provides quality program to empower all women and children by providing a nurturing and safe environment for school aged children. Alliance After School Care was founded in 1988 in collaboration with the Junior League of Abilene. The program serves 15 elementary schools in 4 school districts including Abilene, Clyde, Jim Ned, and TLCA.

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