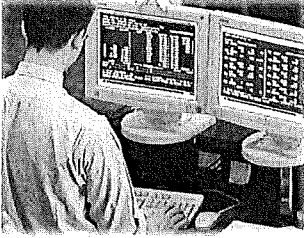


Executives donate time to nonprofit



PORTFOLIO

A group of 60 **GPSEG** members volunteered their time Saturday at Cradles to Crayons of West Conshohocken, a nonprofit that helps children.

The GPSEG members worked at Cradles to Crayons' warehouse sorting clothing, cleaning and testing toys, examining books, inspecting baby equipment and packing kidpacks.

GPSEG is an association of senior-level executives throughout Greater Philadelphia and the states of New Jersey and Delaware, providing professional and leadership education and business networking.

■ **RESTAURANT:** The Exton Region Chamber of Commerce said Wednesday that its newest member, Buffalo Wild Wings, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at 10:30 a.m.

The event will follow a weekend of pre-season lunches/dinners as training sessions for the restaurant's staff, from which Buffalo Wild Wings will donate the proceeds from all beverages to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, the chamber said.

■ **GRANT:** The Board of New Century Trust said Wed-

nesday it awarded its \$10,000 Willing Hands award to the Women's Opportunities Resource Center, or WORC, of Philadelphia,

WORC promotes social and economic self-sufficiency for economically disadvantaged women and their families through self-employment training, support services, peer support, savings programs and access to business and financial resources in Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware and Chester counties.

New Century Trust of Philadelphia was founded in 1893 to support the social, industrial and educational cultivation and improvement of working girls and women.

The Willing Hands Award **See PORTFOLIO, Page E3**

is given in honor of Lillie Dupuy Vanculin Harpe, who inspired New Century's grant program.

■ **OIL PRICES:** A contentious meeting of oil ministers ended Wednesday with a clear message: Don't count on OPEC to do much about oil prices.

The 12-nation group decided not to boost production, which likely would have resulted in lower prices. That sent oil back above \$100 a barrel. And more importantly, it sets the stage for higher prices later this year.

Rising energy prices since the beginning of the year have impacted the U.S. economic recovery. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday reported that the economy slowed in several parts of the country this spring and blamed high gas prices for sluggish consumer spending.

At Wednesday's OPEC meeting in Vienna, Saudi Arabia lobbied for an increase in oil output, which likely would have likely lowered oil prices. Countries like Iran resisted, arguing that oil supplies are adequate to meet demand and current prices are appropriate.

"We are unable to reach consen-

sus," OPEC Secretary General Abdullah Al-Badri told reporters after the meeting in Vienna ended. Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi called the meeting "one of the worst ever."

