

**SUBJECT: GRANTS APPROVED BY MARTINSVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**Martinsville, VA** - Martinsville Area Community Foundation has made grants totaling over \$65,000 to local nonprofits for its fall 2008 grant cycle. Grant decisions were made at the recent board meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Foundation awarded one grant from the Cancer Center Fund. This grant, in the amount of \$12,580, went to Southern Area Agency on Aging for support to cancer patients. The Hermes Family Fund awarded four grants. They are as follows: \$750 to Grace Network for the Personal Care Promotes Health Program, \$1,602 to Caring Hearts Free Clinic of Patrick County to fund a Family Nurse Practitioner, \$3,024 to Piedmont Arts Association for the Big Read-To Kill a Mockingbird Program, and \$7,000 to STEP, Inc. for the Homeless Intervention Program.

From the Martinsville Area Endowment Fund, the grants were as follows: \$3,398 to Caring Hearts Free Clinic of Patrick County to fund a Family Nurse Practitioner, \$1,000 to Community Storehouse for the Food for Kids School Backpack program, \$1,000 to Stepping Stones, Inc. for technology teaching, \$5,500 to Grace Network for Project HEAT, \$20,000 to Henry County Department of Public Safety for emergency radio communications, \$5,000 to the Hospital Auxiliary of Martinsville and Henry County for medication assistance for uninsured and underinsured emergency department discharges, and \$4,500 to Martinsville Henry County Family YMCA to purchase AED's,.

The next grant cycle will be in the spring of 2009. MACF currently holds twenty endowment funds totaling over \$11 million in assets. Anyone wishing to know more about MACF and the services it provides should call its office at 276-656-6223, write to Martinsville Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1124, Martinsville, VA 24114, or visit the Foundation's website at [www.martinsvilleareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.martinsvilleareacommunityfoundation.org).

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