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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPROVES \$90,000 IN GRANTS

Martinsville, VA - Martinsville Area Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$94,000 to local nonprofits. Grant decisions were made at the recent meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Martinsville Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness received four grants; \$13,461 from the Jerry Smith Chaney Memorial Fund to help needy cancer patients, \$4,593 from the Ravenel Oncology Center Fund to help patients being treated at the center, \$19,500 from the Hospice Fund to support the Hospice program at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County and \$2,658 from the Hermes Family Fund for screening mammograms for uninsured women.

Community Storehouse received three grants totaling \$6,341 to support its Food for Kids School Backpack program.

One grant was awarded from the Cancer Center to Southern Area Agency on Aging for support services for cancer patients. \$215 went to the Salvation Army from the Ivey Stone Fund to support its after-school program for children.

Grace Network received a grant of \$1,000 from The Hermes Family Fund for the Personal Care Promotes Health program and a grant of \$6,000 from the Martinsville Area Endowment Fund for Project HEAT.

Other grants from the Martinsville Area Unrestricted Fund and the Martinsville Area Endowment Fund included \$934 to Salvation Army to purchase a walk-in refrigerator and \$6,341 for its feeding program, \$7,000 to the Hospital Auxiliary for medication assistance, \$2,500 to MARC Workshop to hold two workshops on dementia and Alzheimer's in individuals with intellectual disabilities, \$7,560 to Martinsville Family YMCA to support its after-school program, \$1,000 to Stepping Stones to purchase three computers, and \$4,000 to Tackfully Teamed Riding Academy for a pilot therapeutic riding program in partnership with Albert Harris Elementary School.

The next grants cycle will be in the spring of 2010. 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.

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