

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPROVES GRANTS

Martinsville, VA - Martinsville Area Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$50,000 to local nonprofits during its spring 2009 grant cycle. Grant decisions were made at the recent meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Two grants were awarded from the Ivey Stone Fund: Piedmont Arts received a \$500 grant for its Treasure Chest program, and the Community Storehouse received a \$300 grant to support its Food for Kids School Backpack program. The Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant from its Cancer Center Fund to Southern Area Agency on Aging to help the agency's cancer patients. The Hermes Family Fund awarded two grants: \$700 to Grace Network for the Personal Care Promotes Health program and \$1,424 to the Community Fellowship for its Back to School program.

Grants from the Martinsville Area Endowment Fund included \$8,000 to Henry County Public Safety to purchase Advanced Emergency Respiratory Care equipment, \$2,500 to Community Storehouse for the Food for Kids School Backpack program, \$10,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge, Inc. for its Smart Smiles program, \$5,500 to Grace Network for Project HEAT, \$5,100 to Martinsville Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness for mammography screening to uninsured women, \$1,181 to the Community Fellowship for its Back to School program, and \$8,116 to Tackfully Teamed Riding Academy for its Therapeutic Riding Outreach program.

The next grants cycle will be in the fall of 2009. MACF currently holds twenty endowment funds ranging in size from \$10,000 to several million dollars which provide perpetual benefit to the community. 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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