

Community Foundation approves over \$134,000 in grants

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Martinsville, VA - Martinsville Area Community Foundation has approved over \$134,000 in grants to local nonprofits for its 2006 fiscal year. Grant decisions were made at the recent board meeting of the foundation's Board of Directors.

Grants were made to nonprofit organizations from five different endowment funds. The Martinsville Area Endowment Fund awarded the following: \$11,500 to Salvation Army to start a free weekday lunch program for homeless and at-risk people in the community; \$10,000 to Family YMCA to purchase land based exercise equipment for physical therapy use; and \$10,000 to Carlisle School to develop and implement an introductory course in medical science in collaboration with Virginia Tech that will be provided cost-free to community high school students during the summer, as well as offered to Carlisle upper school students during the academic year. Successful completion of the course will result in Certified Nursing Assistant Certification, and the long-term goal is to alleviate the health care professional shortage in the area.

The Martinsville Area Endowment Fund also awarded \$30,000 to For the Children Enrichment Center to enable its Community Mobile Resource Unit to significantly expand its services and provide health screenings at additional community locales and to insert a Childhood Obesity Prevention Education Program into one of its existing programs- the Henry County Goals and Education Make Success (GEMS) program; \$4,000 to Habitat for Humanity to provide a barrier-free roll-in shower in a Habitat house for a child with cerebral palsy; \$7,000.00 to Triple "C" Dude Ranch for project "Canine Companions" that places trained companion pets in the care of properly educated special needs children and their families; \$3,500 to Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Dept. to purchase a medical training mannequin to use for training members; \$625 to CONTACT of MHC to purchase a TTY machine that will make their services available to the deaf and hard of hearing population; \$350 to MHC Mental Health Association to purchase a Bullying Prevention Kit to be used in after school and summer programs for children in grades K-3; and \$1,000 to Franklin County Perinatal Education Center to assist the Vehicle Passenger Safety Education Program to purchase booster seats for needy families in Martinsville and Henry County.

The MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness received three Foundation grants: \$1,500 from the Hermes Family Fund to provide mammogram screenings to uninsured women; up to \$14,000 from the Jerry Smith Chaney Memorial Fund to assist needy cancer patients with nutritional supplements, prosthetics, payment on prescription drugs and transportation, and up to \$29,200 in grant support from the Hospice Fund to help carry out the charitable activities of the Hospice Program of Martinsville and Henry County. In addition, the Foundation's Cancer Center Fund made a grant in the amount of \$11,710 to Southern Area Agency on Aging to assist needy cancer patients with the purchase of nutritional supplements, comfort kits, and to help with payment on prescription drugs.

Martinsville Area Community Foundation (MACF), a 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization, serves the City of Martinsville, Henry County and surrounding areas. Its mission is to enable charitably-inclined citizens

of the city of Martinsville, Henry County and surrounding areas to address important community needs, both now and for generations to come. MACF currently holds six endowment funds totaling approximately \$3.7 million in assets. ndation.org.