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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$878,800 IN NEW GRANTS; MORE THAN \$10 MILLION GIVEN SINCE FORMATION

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The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region announced today a total of **\$878,800** in new grants to **56** non-profit community agencies at a reception at the Ballou Recreation Center. This is the twelfth year of operation for the Foundation, with total grants returned to the community now more than \$10 million.

This year's grants contain \$500,000 in funding made available by a grant from the Danville Regional Foundation.

The following grants were approved by The Community Foundation's Distribution Committee and Board of Directors and awarded from various funds as described below:

Animal Protection Society of the Northern Piedmont – (\$2,500) – to help fund "The \$20 Fix" vouchers for low-income households to spay/neuter pets. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Area 7 Special Olympics – (\$2,000) – to assist in funding a spring bowling day and a track & field day. (**Faye Carter Fund**)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Danville Area – (\$3,000) – to establish an after-school reading club to increase literacy rates. (**Faye Carter Fund**)

Blairs Fire and Rescue – (\$8,500) – to purchase extrication equipment. (**James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund**)

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Danville Area – (\$45,000) – to purchase one Minotour multi-function mini school activity bus. (P. Niles Daly, Jr. Fund, Pat & Cathy Daly Family Fund, Philip & Frances Daly Fund, Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Cardinal Village Tenants Association – (\$750) – to assist in programs intended to motivate and educate youth. (Faye Carter Fund)

Cascade Community Volunteer Fire Department – (\$6,000) – to purchase wild land firefighting clothing and EMS jumpsuits. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Casville Volunteer Fire Department - (\$2,000) - to purchase turnout gear. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Caswell County – (\$1,500) – to fund annual NC Teen Court Summit and Mock Trial Conference. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Caswell County Partnership for Children – (\$16,500) – to help support an-arts based enrichment program to improve school readiness of young children in Caswell County. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Caswell Family Medical Center – (\$26,000) – to purchase equipment for sending ECG and other pulmonary tests electronically to other healthcare entities. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund, John C. Swanson, Jr. Fund)

Caswell Friends of Library – (\$4,600) – to help establish a summer storytelling camp for 15 rising fourth-graders who are at risk for school failure. (Harry Melton Hood Fund, Claudia Vernon Smith Fund, John C. Swanson, Jr. Fund)

Cedar Terrace Tenants Association – (\$750) – to help fund programs to help our youth utilize improved life skills. (**Faye Carter Fund**)

Chatham Fire Department Auxiliary – (\$21,000) – to replace eight-year-old turn out gear for firefighters. (W. Earl & Elise M. G. Allen Fund, Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

City of Danville Fire Department -(\$8,200) – to improve firefighter safety and speech communications by providing an amplifier to each firefighter responding to emergency calls. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Crisis Line of Central Virginia – (\$2,000) – to assist with H.O.P.E. emergency food vouchers. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Choral Arts Society – (\$1,500) – to present a choral music concert of 40's swing music to the general public at the North Theater. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Area Humane Society – (\$3,000) – to reduce number of companion animals euthanized by transferring animals to other facilities, rescue groups and sanctuaries. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Cancer Association – (\$28,000) – to assist with costs of cancer-related prescriptions for local cancer patients. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Life Saving & First Aid Crew – (\$120,000) – to replace ten heart monitors on ambulances. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History – (\$5,000) – to enhance existing educational programs and produce a brochure about the Sutherlin Mansion. (**James Russell and Zora Carter Anderson Fund**)

Danville Pittsylvania Community Services – (\$14,000) – to purchase portable computers to support a conversion to electronic records. (**Clarence L. Giles Fund**)

Danville Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity – (\$10,000) – to purchase building materials to complete a new home for Shery Thompson & her children. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Public Schools – Galileo Magnet High School – (\$4,300) – to purchase copies of "The Last Lecture" for One Book, One Community Project. (**Faye Carter Fund**)

Danville Reading Center – (\$600) – to purchase comprehension skills development program and a series of reading skills games. (**Harry Melton Hood Fund**)

Danville Science Center – (\$28,000) – to fund a portion of the fees needed to bring the traveling exhibits Your Healer Within and Genomics eXplorer to the Danville Science Center. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Danville Speech and Hearing Center – (\$16,000) – to provide speech/language pathology services to uninsured, low income, and under insured citizens of the Dan River Region. (**James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund, James A. and Anne V. Robertson Fund**)

Danville Symphony Orchestra – (\$6,000) – to assist in presenting a series of four free, live orchestral music concerts for the general public of Danville and Southside Virginia. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

DOVES – (\$30,000) – to assist with painting, repairs and maintenance of emergency shelter and driveway. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**).

Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine – (\$20,000) – to fund five, \$4,000 stipends for family practice residents who commit to practice for three years in the Dan River Region. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Free Clinic of Danville – (\$19,000) – to purchase equipment for educational programs and to improve patient privacy. (James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund, The Daniel Fund)

George Washington High School Baseball Booster Club – (\$5,000) – to assist in purchasing carpet, netting, plumbing fixtures, electrical equipment and lighting for indoor baseball facility. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

God's Pit Crew – (\$20,000) – to purchase a 2009 Nissan Lift Truck. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Hatcher Center – (\$156,000) – to subsidize programs, services and facilities to help people with disabilities receive vocational training. (**Faith Home Endowment Fund**)

House of Hope - (\$30,000) - to fund monthly staffing and essential utility expenditures. (James Russell and Zora Carter Anderson Fund)

Institute for Advance Learning and Research Foundation – (\$35,000) – to purchase computers, science lab probes and materials for Neighborhood-based Summer Camp Institute. (James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund, Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Kentuck Volunteer Fire Department – (\$7,000) – to purchase a mobile lighting tower and portable generator to place on incident command vehicle for scene lighting. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Laurel Grove Volunteer Fire-Rescue – (\$12,000) – to purchase new tanker with necessary equipment to meet regulations and certification. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Mount Hermon Volunteer Fire and Rescue -(\$1,400) – to purchase a four gas multi-detection meter. (**Danville Regional Foundation**)

National Fund for Workforce Solutions – (\$5,000) – to support NFWS Dan River Region Collaborative. (**Administrative/Unrestricted Fund**)

Northern Pittsylvania Food Center – (\$14,000) – to add protein items to food boxes. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Oak Grove Residential Care – (\$5,500) – to install a cooling system on the second floor of the facility. (Danville Regional Fund, Clarence L. Giles Fund, Audrey Millner Fund)

Pelham Volunteer Fire Department – (\$8,600) – to purchase a thermal imaging camera to help locate hidden fires and missing persons. (**James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund, Gamewood Technology Fund**)

Piedmont Community College – (\$9,100) – to provide expansion funding for MENTORS program. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Pittsylvania Caswell Youth Livestock Association – (\$4,000) – to purchase equipment to build animal pens and rent a large tent to house goat exhibitors. (Clarence L. Giles Fund)

Pittsylvania County Community Action Agency – (\$7,000) – to provide transportation to medical appointments for non-Medicaid senior residents of Pittsylvania County, age 60 and over. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Pittsylvania County – Fire Marshall – (\$14,000) – to purchase fire hazard simulator equipment to expand education program. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Herbert Sater Fund**)

Pittsylvania County Literacy Program – (\$1,000) – to purchase multi-media advertising to inform the public of services and volunteer needs of PCLP. (**Danville Regional Foundation**)

Pittsylvania County Schools Tunstall High School – (\$2,000) – to enable students to participate in the FIRST Robotics FIRST Technical Challenge Program. (Gamewood Technology Fund)

Prospect Hill Fire Department – (\$9,500) – to buy three Motorola portable radios and one mobile radio. (**Clarence L. Giles Fund, John C. Swanson Fund**)

Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank – (\$5,000) – to support the Food Distribution Program of the Roanoke Valley Branch that serves partner agencies in the Dan River Region. (James Russell & Zora Carter Fund, Danville Regional Foundation Fund,

Herbert Sater Fund, John C. Swanson Fund)

Town of Yanceyville – Family Services of Caswell County – (\$20,000) – to purchase a vehicle to provide transportation for clients of "House of Esther" to necessary appointments. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Virginia Dental Health Foundation – (\$5,000) – to assist in hiring a Donated Dental Services case manager for the Dan River Region. (Clarence L. Giles Fund, John C. Swanson Fund)

Wayles R. Harrison Memorial Fund -(\$10,000) – to assist local cancer patients with medical and related expenses. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Yanceyville Volunteer Fire & Rescue – (\$30,000) – to purchase a fire apparatus in order to provide greater fire protection and lower insurance rating. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

YMCA (Danville Family) – (\$7,000) – to purchase new equipment for the swim team, the lifeguarding & CPR program, along with improving quality and safety for special needs programs. (Ahmed Children's Fund, Faye Carter Fund)

The following grants were also recognized but have been previously awarded from donor advised and designated funds:

P. L. Anderson, Jr. Family Fund

Boys and Girls Club of Danville First Baptist Church Free Clinic of Danville Hope Harbor

Dan River Inc. Endowment Fund

Averett University Danville Area Arts & Humanities Danville Concert Association Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce Danville Symphony Orchestra DCC Educational Foundation Fraternal Order of Police Free Clinic of Danville United Way of Danville Pittsylvania County

Garden Club of Danville Fund and Alma Courtney "Sigie" Perkinson Rose Fund Garden Club of Danville

Bobby Hawker Memorial Fund

Pittsylvania County Community Action

Holland Fund and Wynne's Falls Fund

Crossroads Christian Counseling Center Kang-A-Rhue Children's Cancer Fund Victory Junction Gang Camp

Keokee Fund

Epiphany Episcopal School

Alexander Heath Light & Mary Nelson Light Mission Fund

Oak Grove Residential Care

Miller Woodbury Fund

Cape Fear Academy

Moses & Louise A. Merricks Fund

God's Storehouse Mount Cross Volunteer Fire & Rescue Sharon Baptist Church Wayles R. Harrison Memorial Fund

Morotock Arts and Culture Fund

Averett University Danville Area Association for Arts & Humanities Danville Area Choral Arts Society Danville Concert Association Danville Museum of Fine Arts and Culture North Theatre

Eileen and Joseph Stendig Family Fund

Temple Beth Sholom

Veterans Memorial Fund

City of Danville

The Community Foundation's next grant cycle will begin in June for projects to be funded in 2011.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a public charity established in September 1996 by a steering committee of civic leaders to meet a variety of social, educational, cultural and other charitable needs. The Foundation serves a region from Martinsville/Henry County to South Boston/Halifax County, including the neighboring North Carolina counties.