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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FEATURES THREE STORIES OF HELP AT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

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For more information,
Debra L. Dodson

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region featured several grant recipients at its Appreciation Luncheon held **Thursday, November 18, 2010** at the Danville Golf Club.

Nearly 200 supporters heard three stories of help. David Divine discussed the scholarships he received from The Community Foundation which helped him to become a physical therapist and return to Danville to practice. Lauren Moore shared her efforts to begin the Kolton Brim Karnes Fund with The Community Foundation to help families who are suffering through the loss of a child. Rodney Reynolds explained how the transfer of the Dan River Foundation to The Community Foundation allowed their good work to continue in the area.

Debra Dodson, Executive Director, stated, "Many of us have joined in the community reading of the book 'Switch.' It encourages us to look for 'bright spot' and support them. The Community Foundation is definitely a 'bright spot' for our region. While our region is facing many challenges, your support proves that together, we can truly make a difference. Together, we have fed the hungry, given hope to college students, filled our halls with music and art, and helped to train workers."

Some highlights of The Community Foundation's work this past year include: -

- a) Receiving gifts of more than \$2.5 million, even during a down economy.
- b) Awarding \$170,000 in scholarships to 71 students.
- c) Presenting grants of \$878,000 to 56 area organizations.
- d) Continuing to convene a quarterly Funders Forum of area foundations.

- e) Serving as the fiscal agent for the National Fund for Workforce Solutions grant which has raised over \$1.5 million for specialized regional training.
- f) Continuing to sell bricks and accept support for the local Veterans Memorial.
- g) We were excited to add EIGHT more new funds this year, bringing our total to 86 different funds now under our “umbrella.” We are so pleased that more and more donors are supporting our work each year.

Donors established eight new funds under the Foundation’s umbrella for a total of 86 funds with total assets of \$19,390,446 as of June 30, 2010. The Community Foundation has returned more than \$10 million in grants and scholarships to the region in its 14 years of history.

The Community Foundation’s mission is to improve and enrich the lives of people in our community by encouraging the generosity of donors. Donors may establish their own endowment fund to support particular areas of interest or may make unrestricted gifts to any existing fund.

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