**Lenoir County Community Foundation**

**Awards Grants to Seven Local Nonprofits**

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The board of directors of the Lenoir County Community Foundation announces 2014 grant awards from its Community Foundation, according to Marc McConnell, board president.

“We had a lot of requests this year, and we are lucky to have the Foundation’s endowment fund to provide resources to meet some of these needs,” said Mr. McConnell.

The Lenoir County Community Foundation awarded $5,460 in grants to seven local initiatives:

* The Salvation Army of Lenoir County – General Operating Support
* The Gate – Jobs for Life Program
* NC Cooperative Extension –Lenoir Co. Farmer’s Market Annex Enhancement
* Make A Wish Foundation of ENC, Inc – Wish Granting in Lenoir Co.
* Lenoir-Greene Partnership for Children – Reach Out and Read
* Greene Lamp, Inc. – Marvin B. Spence Library Project
* Autism Society of NC, Inc. – 2014 Camp Royall Scholarships

President McConnell noted that the Foundation counts on local support to sustain the annual grants. “Our local donors are key to the success of this annual grant program,” said McConnell. “Ever dollar the people of Lenoir County deposit into the endowment fund stays right here in Lenoir County to benefit and support our local nonprofits.”

Since the LCCF was established in 1996, the foundation and its associated funds has awarded more than $226,000 in grants to local nonprofits. Foundation board members are Marc McConnell, President; Greg Hannibal, Vice-President; Carolina Roberts, Secretary; Julian Pridgen, Treasurer; Dr. Brantley Briley, Leraine Collier, Skip Greene, Earl Harper, Chris Henderson, Mary Jo Jefferson, Adrian King, John Marston and Sue Novicki. Director Emeriti include David S. Brody, Dr. Jcak Harrell, Kay T. Harrell and Barbara S. Perry

The Lenoir County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation, which provides support and management services to a number of local endowment funds.

To learn more about the Lenoir County Community Foundation and its services to the community you may contact a local board member or call the North Carolina Community Foundation’s Coastal Plain South office at (252) 288-5706.

**About the North Carolina Community Foundation**

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly $74 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than $171 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 67 counties across the state. An important component of NCCF’s mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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