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HARVEST HELPS MARTINSVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXPAND

The Harvest Foundation will grant \$80,000 to the Community Foundation of Western Virginia, Inc. on behalf of the Martinsville Area Community Foundation to go towards Organization Capacity Building. The grant will be awarded over three years and will contribute to the community's overall Quality of Life.

The Martinsville Area Community Foundation (MACF) was formed in 2005 with endowment funds carried over from the sale of Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County in addition to a seed grant from the Harvest Foundation. Since inception MACF has grown to over 20 endowment funds totaling approximately \$11M. To date, the organization has made grants in excess of \$1M to address important community needs.

The assets of the Martinsville Area Community Foundation are growing rapidly. With this addition, the Director of MACF will conceivably be able to do the following: have more time available for personal interaction with the community and its major stakeholders and future donors, have the necessary time to investigate and implement creative grant initiatives that would produce a more centrally-focused, collaborative effort to directly better the community and its residents.

“MACF is thrilled that The Harvest Foundation has again stepped forward with this grant at a critical point in the Community Foundation's development. With this funding we will be able to take the next step forward in our growth and become even better-positioned to help local families establish new endowments for the long-term benefit of the community.” said April Haynes, Director of the Martinsville Area Community Foundation.

The Harvest Foundation researches and responsibly invests in programs and initiatives to address local challenges in health, education, and welfare. The Harvest Foundation is dedicated to making Martinsville / Henry County the residence of choice by enhancing opportunities and quality of life for all its citizens. The Harvest Foundation was established in 2002 from the sale of the Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County. For more information, please go to <http://www.theharvestfoundation.org>