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**HARVEST FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING TO
FIELDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Fieldale, VA –Emphasizing the importance of community ‘placemaking,’ The Harvest Foundation announced today a \$28,000 operational grant to Fieldale Community Center, Inc. (FCC) intended to strengthen the heart of the Fieldale community as a place for residents of all ages to play, grow and live.

“Residents of Fieldale know that there is a need for the center and that the historical landmark is worth saving,” said Bill Adkins, Board of Directors President. “With the Harvest foundation’s aid, we are confident that the center will be able to restore life and give hope to the residents of the Fieldale community.”

Offering a safe place for children and youth to initiate play is essential in the development of area families and the future of the center. By providing physically active facilities and programming to encourage interaction among all ages, uniting the entire community gives hope to the area and enables FCC to broaden its optimistic impact. Fieldale Community Center is focused on expanding its role in the community by appealing to new members. The center is eager to identify and initiate new programs and opportunities that add to the overall quality of life of the areas residents, reviving the once vibrant community spirit and pride in the little mill town.

As the Fieldale Community Center takes these regenerative steps, the success of the plan lies centrally in its operational programming. By means of strategic planning, FCC will confidently promote sustainability and ensure that all of its operations will align with its mission.

“The Fieldale Community Center is a significant resource to this wonderful community. It is without hesitation that I say that this Center is in many regards the “heart” of Fieldale,” said Rich Killingsworth, Executive Director of The Harvest Foundation. “The grant supported by the Harvest Foundation demonstrates our keen interest to developing organizations like the Fieldale Community Center into strong, vibrant resources to advance the health and quality of life for their community residents.”

The Fieldale Community Center, Inc. is a community service organization that has focused on serving the Fieldale community for over 66 years. By providing affordable recreational and social opportunities to the community, the center promotes youth development and family stability through its programming. The Fieldale Community Center prides itself as being the true “center” of Fieldale.

The Harvest Foundation supports health, education, and welfare initiatives that serve our vision of cultivating Martinsville and Henry County, Virginia as a “community of choice.” The Harvest Foundation was established in 2002 from the sale of Memorial Hospital. For more information visit www.theharvestfoundation.org

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