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New College Foundation Prepares for Additional Educational Outreach Efforts using Harvest Foundation Funding

Seeks to increase number of students enrolled as well as programs offered at New College Institute

Martinsville, VA (May 9, 2008) – New College Foundation and The Harvest Foundation announce a substantial two-year grant that will match funds requested from the State of Virginia General Assembly for New College Institute (NCI). The New College Foundation assists and promotes NCI in its efforts to become a four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting institution, and will further efforts toward this goal with the Harvest funding.

“This grant underscores our continued commitment to see a four-year, baccalaureate institution in Martinsville and Henry County,” said Angela Logan, Program Officer for Education at The Harvest Foundation. “We are excited about what NCI has been able to accomplish in such a short time, and are eager to see where it goes from here.”

New College Institute has already had more success than anticipated with enrollment exceeding the initial projections. However, NCI aims to serve even more residents of Martinsville and Henry County as the economy is transitioning to one driven by employees with Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Plans are already underway to increase educational outreach initiatives to recruit and inform the public about the many beneficial programs that NCI offers.

NCI’s Executive Director, Dr. Barry Dorsey, is excited about what this funding will mean for the future of NCI and for our community as a whole. “New College Institute is very grateful to the Harvest Foundation for its continuing support for NCI”, said Dr. Dorsey. “Only four years ago, NCI was a dream; now, in the coming academic year, NCI will offer at least a dozen bachelor’s completion and master’s degree programs provided in Martinsville – Henry County by eight separate institutions. NCI also provides endorsement and recertification

programs for teachers and has a very active outreach program to increase the area's college-going rate.”

The New College Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was established in 2006. The Foundation is able to receive donations that may be used to benefit NCI and NCI students.

New College Institute is a state-funded educational entity that provides access to bachelor's degree completion programs, master's degrees, teacher endorsement programs, teacher recertification courses, and more through partnerships with colleges and universities. NCI strives to be accessible and convenient for students of all ages. Our staff, faculty, and board members are all committed to making NCI a premier educational facility and experience for students and the community.

For more information, please go to <http://www.newcollegeinstitute.org/>

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>

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