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Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation to Increase Service Capacity of Local Dental Clinic with Harvest Foundation Funding

Martinsville, VA (December 17, 2008) – The Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation has been awarded a one-year grant from The Harvest Foundation in the amount of \$97,080 for its Community Dental Clinic. Because the demand for dental services at the Clinic has exceeded the ability to provide all the care that is needed, this grant will fund 40% of the cost to hire a full-time dentist and two clinical dental assistants.

“In its third year of operation,” says Dr. Mark Crabtree, President of the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, “the Clinic is recognized in the community as a working solution to the problem of access to dental care by those most in need. Now we will be able to serve even more patients in greatest financial need.”

Currently, the Community Dental Clinic treats patients Tuesday through Friday every 2nd and 4th week of each month, using dental and dental hygiene students supervised by local dentists. With the hiring of a full-time dentist, the Clinic will now be open Tuesday through Friday every week of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Increasing the capacity of the Clinic, by being open an additional 32 weeks per year, will be a definite asset to the community,” says Nancy Cox, Harvest Foundation Program Officer. “We are extremely pleased to be able to partner in this much-needed program expansion.”

The Harvest Foundation researches and responsibly invests in programs and initiatives to address local challenges in health, education, and community vitality. The Harvest Foundation is dedicated to making Martinsville / Henry County the community 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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