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Avery Community Foundation awards \$3,260 in local grants

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The board of advisors of the Avery Community Foundation recently announced \$3,260 in local grant awards from the community grantmaking fund, according to Jamey Thompson, board president.

This year the board granted:

- \$500 to the Mountain Alliance for the Mountain Alliance Leadership Development and Afterschool Support Program
- \$880 to Special Olympics Avery County for general operating support
- \$880 to Spirit Ride Inc. for the Help Us Never Say No program
- \$500 to WAMY Community Action, Inc. for the Gardening Program
- \$500 to the Western Youth Network for the WYN Youth Mentoring Program Avery County

Thompson thanked the community for its support of the Avery Community Foundation. “We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that are so vital to the community,” he said. “We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported our work to inspire philanthropy across our community.”

The Avery Community Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors. ACF was founded in 1997 and is led by a local volunteer advisory board that helps build community assets through the creation of permanent endowments, makes grants and leverages leadership – all for the benefit of Avery County.

The ACF board advises the Avery County Community Fund, the unrestricted community grantmaking fund, to support local needs. This competitive grants program is held annually. Because advisory board members live and work in Avery County, they can leverage resources to help meet local needs and access opportunities. In addition to Thompson, board members

include: Michelle Scott (secretary), Gwen Clark, Richard Honeycutt, Justin Ray, John Thompson and Brian Whitfield.

The ACF, through the North Carolina Community Foundation, makes it easy to become a philanthropist, whatever your means or charitable goals. You can open an endowment for your favorite cause at any time – or contribute to an existing fund in any amount. Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to the Avery Community Foundation, can be mailed to the North Carolina Community Foundation, 3737 Glenwood Ave. Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612. Contributions can also be made online at nccommunityfoundation.org.

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Colby Martin at 828-358-0030 or cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$145 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$270 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,300 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance 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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