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Community Foundation Awards Grants to Benefit Henderson County

Hendersonville, N.C., November 21, 2007: The Community Foundation of Henderson County awarded a \$5,000 grant from unrestricted funds to the Mills River United Methodist Church (MRUMC) to support the Mills River Life Enhancement Center, a program for senior citizens of the entire Mills River community that will provide services such as nutritious meals, health screenings and information, and recreational and service activities. The program will aim to increase opportunities for socialization, education, service, spirituality, and general well-being of the aging population. Along with money from the congregation, the MRUMC will receive support from the Duke Endowment grant to launch this program. Community Foundation funds will be applied towards paying a coordinator, program advertising, providing meals, and purchasing equipment.

Community Foundation of Henderson County awarded the following grants in November from the Fletcher Community Fund. Established in 1990, the fund provides cultural, educational, historic and civic enrichment for the community of Fletcher, NC.

Fletcher Arts and Heritage Association: \$4,000 challenge grant to support its project *Harmony in Fletcher*. Programs comprised of this project include the *Fletcher Community Choir*, *The Fletcher Community Chorus*, *The Four Choirs of Fletcher*, and *Pickin' in the Park*.

Fletcher Branch Library: \$5,458 towards its basement renovation project to expand its capacity for meeting room space.

Mountain BizWorks: \$3,000 to support its Fletcher Entrepreneurship program for 3 graduates who have stated intent to open a business in the Fletcher community.

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Community Foundation grants support nonprofit organizations that improve healthcare and educational opportunities, provide services to people in need, strengthen the arts, protect the environment, and much more. To learn more about the Community Foundation's grantmaking program or how to make a contribution, contact the Community Foundation office at (828)697-6224 or visit www.CFHCforever.org.

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