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Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation Announces \$44,700 in Grants to benefit People in Need

(November 2012) – The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation is pleased to announce \$44,700 in grants to local nonprofit organizations that provide critical services for economically disadvantaged people. The grants include:

\$20,000 to Ministry of Hope to ensure that at least two part-time chaplains remain at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women to continue serving a growing incarcerated population.

\$20,000 to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry for the Educational and Job Skills Training Program to aid clients to attend college-level courses and programs.

\$4,700 to the Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing Committee to develop materials and promote its program at Jane Pfaff House to help with fundraising efforts.

These grants were awarded as part of The Community Foundation's People in Need focus area grant cycle, funded in part by the Janirve Legacy Fund. The next grant cycle will begin in August 2013. Details can be found at www.cfwnc.org.

The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation is an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) and was established in 1999 by a group of local residents as a permanent endowment and resource for charitable efforts that benefit the entire Swannanoa Valley. The local, volunteer board of directors works to raise awareness of the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation and to build assets for the future. These board members are: Sandra Abromitis, Mike Begley, Gladys Brooks, Joan Brown, John Buckner, Julia A. Capps, John Corkran, Lynn Deese, Barbara Griffin, Jerone Herring, Roger Hibbard, William G. Hollins, Jeff Hutchins, Gretchen Naff, Connie Root (Chair), Archie Pertiller, and Lori Turley.

For additional information about the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, contact Chair Connie Root at 828-296-0536. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, donate on-line at www.cfwnc.org or by mail to the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, 103 Richardson Boulevard, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Contributions of any size are welcome and do make a difference.

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit serving eighteen counties in Western North Carolina. The Foundation is a permanent regional resource that facilitates more than \$11 million in charitable giving annually. CFWNC inspires philanthropy and mobilizes resources to enrich lives and communities in Western North Carolina.

CFWNC supports the growth of its affiliate funds to extend the benefits of philanthropy across the region. To learn more about The Community Foundation, call 828-254-4960 or visit www.cfwnc.org.

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