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Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Contributes to \$20,000 Grant to Bounty & Soul Mobile Market

(December 1, 2014) – The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) partnered to award a \$20,000 grant to Bounty & Soul’s mobile market.

Bounty & Soul is operated through St. James Episcopal Church and provides fresh, healthy, affordable food in areas where it is difficult to obtain. Bounty & Soul purchased a refrigerated truck with help from the Episcopal Diocese. The retrofitted truck, equipped with solar panels for refrigeration and equipment to conduct health and wellness workshops, travels from location to location serving fresh, healthy food and conducting workshops and cooking demonstrations in Buncombe and McDowell counties. Grant funds will pay for fuel, maintenance and insurance for the truck, salary for a part-time driver and a part-time administrative person as well as food, education resources and marketing supplies.

"We are delighted that we can support Bounty & Soul’s mobile market," said Board Chair Roger Hibbard. "We are pleased to partner with CFWNC to make a difference for nonprofit organizations and the people they serve in our community."

This grant was awarded as part of The Community Foundation’s People in Need focus area grant cycle, funded in part by the Janirve Legacy Fund, CFWNC fundholders and the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund.

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund is an affiliate of CFWNC established in 1999 by a group of local residents. The Fund grows through tax-deductible contributions. To make a gift, donate on-line at www.cfwnc.org or by mail to the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund, c/o CFWNC, 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803. Contributions of any size are welcome and will enable the Fund to support more programs with local dollars.

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund also supports projects to strengthen charitable organizations serving the Swannanoa Valley by making grants relating to health and wellness, education, cultural and natural resources and people in need through an independent grant cycle. The Fund provides grants of \$2,500 to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for charitable purposes. Six grants totaling \$30,000 were awarded in May to nonprofits by the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and the Buckner

Family Endowment Fund. The next opportunity to apply for funding from the Fund is March 2, 2015.

The local, volunteer Advisory Board works to raise awareness of the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and to build assets for the future. The board members are: Sandra Abromitis, Mike Begley (Treasurer), Gladys Brooks, John Buckner, Julia A. Capps, John Corkran (Vice Chair), Chip Craig, Lynn Deese, Barbara Griffin (Secretary), Carol Groben, Roger Hibbard (Chair), Gretchen Naff, Scott Roy, Joseph Standaert and Lori Turley.

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit serving eighteen counties in Western North Carolina. The Foundation is a permanent regional resource with assets of \$239 million that facilitates more than \$14 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.

For additional information about the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund, contact Chair Roger Hibbard at 828-772-1007.

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