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Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Announces \$46,610 in Grants

(May 2015) – Six grants totaling \$46,610 were recently awarded to nonprofits by the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and the Buckner Family Endowment Fund. With these grants, the Fund has made 67 grants totaling \$581,895. The grants include:

\$9,000 to the **Black Mountain Center for the Arts** to update and upgrade the main floor lighting in the Old Town Hall, along with theater stage renovation and program support, to build capacity to serve the community.

\$8,000 to **Black Mountain Parks and Greenways, Inc.** toward the cost of the purchase and installation of a town clock to be located at the corner of Highway 70 and Montreat Road in the Town of Black Mountain. The clock includes a plaque recognizing the great work of James A. Buckner as a major supporter of the town.

\$7,410 to the **North Carolina Outward Bound School** to support the Wilderness Unity Course at Owen High School, a comprehensive experiential education program designed to enhance students' non-cognitive skills, increase cultural competence and transform school culture.

\$5,200 to the **Rotary Club of Black Mountain Foundation** to provide children eligible for the free lunch program with healthy food over weekends and holidays.

\$9,000 to the **Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council's Children and Friends Enrichment Center** to purchase and install playground equipment.

\$8,000 to the **Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry** to assist with the medical needs of clients living in poverty.

"The Black Mountain Center for the Arts is extremely grateful for this significant support from our local endowment fund!" said Gale Jackson, Executive Director. "It represents to us the enormous support we have experienced for the last 15 years. We have a true gem in this community arts center, and this grant allows us to continue to improve our services here while we grow and expand opportunities for our constituents, especially our youth and now our community theatre participants!"

"We are especially thankful for this funding to assist Swannanoa Valley families and individuals who cannot afford health care with prescriptions, medical, emergency dental and optometry needs," said Renae Brame, Director of the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry. "Clients will

have improved quality of life, rather than suffering from lack of medical, dental, optometry and other medical care.”

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

The Community Foundation offers People in Need grants of up to \$20,000 for outstanding programs or projects for the economically disadvantaged. Grants are funded in part by the Janirve Legacy Fund and CFWNC affiliate funds and fundholders. Detailed information and applications are available at www.cfwnc.org.

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit serving eighteen counties in Western North Carolina. The Foundation is a permanent regional resource with assets of \$245 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, visit www.BlackMountain-SwannanoaValleyEndowmentFund.org.

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