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Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina Partner to Award \$20,000 Grant

(December 2016) – The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) partnered to award a \$20,000 People in Need grant to a local nonprofit organization that provides critical services for economically disadvantaged people. The grant was awarded to:

Bounty & Soul, a nonprofit organization creating healthier communities by providing fresh healthy food, nutrition literacy and health and wellness resources for people in need. The grant will support the Rooted in Health-Spanish Resources program to expand health and wellness education to food-insecure Latino and Hispanic residents in the Swannanoa Valley.

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

“Connected by a deep commitment to our community, the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Advisory Board works to address our area’s greatest needs,” stated Advisory Board Chair, Roger Hibbard. “Together with CFWNC, and through the generous gifts of friends and neighbors, we proudly support the local nonprofits that serve our most vulnerable populations.”

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.BlackMountain-SwannanoaValleyEndowmentFund.org or by mail to Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund, 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803. Checks should be made out CFWNC noting *Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund* in the memo line. 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 through a competitive grant cycle relating to health and wellness, education, cultural and natural resources and people in need. The Fund provides grants of \$2,500 to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for charitable purposes. Eleven grants totaling \$74,000 were awarded in April to nonprofits by the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund and the Buckner Family Endowment. The next opportunity to apply for funding from the Fund is March 1, 2017.

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, Kannah Begley, Mike Begley (Treasurer), Gladys Brooks, John Buckner, Julia A. Capps, John Corkran, Chip Craig (Vice Chair), Barbara Griffin (Secretary), Carol Groben, Roger Hibbard (Chair), Scott Roy, Joseph Standaert, Lori Turley and Betsy Warren.

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit serving eighteen counties in Western North Carolina. The Foundation is a permanent regional resource that facilitates more than \$15 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 and the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund, call 828-254-4960 or visit www.cfwnc.org or www.BlackMountain-SwannanoaValleyEndowmentFund.org.

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