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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ESTABLISHES NEW AFFILIATE IN ROBESON COUNTY TO SUPPORT
LOCAL CHARITIES

Community kick-off planned for May 2

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The board of directors of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) announces the establishment of the Robeson County Community Foundation (RCCF), according to Ron Scheeler, chairman of the board.

The RCCF is the newest affiliate of the NCCF, which supports nearly sixty other county community foundations across the state through a central infrastructure that includes funds administration, legal, accounting, data processing, communications and other administrative services in support of the establishment of charitable endowment funds.

A community kick-off celebration is planned for Tuesday, May 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Black Water Grille in Lumberton. Those interested in attending are encouraged to call NCCF Regional Associate Beth Jenkins toll-free at 1-877-815-2617 for further information.

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“We’re extremely excited about launching a foundation in Robeson County that is established to ensure that local dollars support local needs,” said James Byrne, RCCF president.

The new board has already begun building the local community endowment fund, which will be managed and allocated solely for the benefit of Robeson County charities. To date, about \$25,000 has been raised for the general fund, with plans for annual grant cycles to begin in 2007. Tax-deductible gifts to this fund are welcome, and contributions should be made payable to the Robeson County Community Fund and mailed to the RCCF, P.O. Box 1590, Lumberton, NC 28359.

Donors also can establish designated funds for their own charitable causes with an investment of at least \$5,000.

In addition to Byrne, RCCF board members and officers include: Donna Chavis, vice president; Maria Parker, secretary/treasurer; James H. Adams, Jr., Donald A. Bonner, Kyle Chavis, Eric B. Dent, Gayle Fernandez, James Gore, Von Johnson, Thomas Lewis, Tim Locklear, Zoe Locklear, Jeff Neelon, Horace E. Stacy, Jr. and John Staton.

For further information, contact any board member; or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org and click on “Affiliates.”

About the NCCF:

The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) is a statewide community development organization created to build capacity through philanthropy. The NCCF administers more than \$100 million in assets that sustain nearly 1,000 endowment funds

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established to provide long-term support of a broad range of charitable needs, nonprofit organizations, and scholarships in more than 60 counties across the state, with an emphasis on underserved areas. The NCCF operates through a unique network of six regional offices designed to provide local resource allocation and community assistance.

For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org

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