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ENDOWMENT AWARDS HELP OVER 500 ASHE COUNTY YOUTH

Jefferson, NC – The Ashe County Children's Trust Endowment awarded \$7,200 in grants this summer that will benefit local children through June, 2012. The total amount awarded was \$1,200 more than in past years due to the generosity of the community and to the success of the Endowment's benefit dances.

A Safe Home for Everyone, a program of Ashe County Partnership for Children, was given financial help for its semi-monthly children's support group, as well as for individual counseling for children who have witnessed family violence. The Ashe County Cooperative Extension was awarded three separate grants. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) provides education for youth on the principles of nutrition, physical activity and good health. These youth are taught how to select and prepare low-cost nutritious foods. The 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be able to purchase new equipment to replace outdated youth bows and arrows. The 4-H Summer Parks program was able to include agricultural classes for first through sixth graders. These children can now connect where their food comes from – the farm to the grocery store – and learned the value of farmland, farm culture, and the future continuation of farmland in Ashe County.

Save the date for the 2011 Halloween Masquerade Ball and Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 29. Too Much Sylvia will be providing music during dinner and for dancing afterwards. Tickets will be sold beginning in September.

The Children's Trust Endowment is devoted to support the programs of Ashe County Cooperative Extension 4-H and Ashe County Partnership for Children. The Endowment committee strives to build a permanent unrestricted endowment which will provide direct financial resources for programs that enrich the quality of life for all children in Ashe County.

The Endowment is a member of the North Carolina Community Foundation, and all proceeds are used for the express purpose of granting awards to eligible groups in Ashe County. For more information on the Endowment or on the Halloween event, please call (336) 846-5850 or (336) 982-4588.

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