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The Springs Close Foundation Announces Grants

The Board of Directors of The Springs Close Foundation along with the nine members of the Community Advisory Committee made grants at their April 25, 2006 meeting totaling \$626,949 to twenty-five agencies and organizations. These grants primarily covered the three county service areas of Chester, Lancaster and York. The three major areas of program interest are Recreation & Environment, Public Education & Childhood Development and Community Service & Health.

In Recreation & Environment, the University of South Carolina Lancaster & the Lancaster Tennis Association received a one time grant of \$30,000 for the construction of the community's new tennis facility. In Public Education & Early Childhood, two grants totaling \$97,500 were approved. A grant of \$70,000 to Chester Park Center of Literacy and Technology for the Smart Studio Project and the Fort Mill School District received a one time grant of \$27,500 to assist with software for the NovaNet Computer lab at the Fort Mill Academy. In Community Service, \$38,239 was granted to the Boys & Girls Clubs of York County for the purchase of a 14-passenger activity/mini bus, and \$46,800 was made to Second Harvest Food Bank for its "Second Helping Project", that serves 400 seniors in Lancaster County and the Fort Mill Township. Also in Health, a \$50,000 grant was approved for supplies and services for The Good Samaritan Medical Clinic in Chester County.

"Although we are a family foundation, our board and committees exist to be good stewards of the resources that belong to the people in Fort Mill Township and Chester and Lancaster Counties." said Angie McCrae, Executive Director of The Springs Close Foundation.

The grants approved at the April 25, 2006 meeting are as follows:

▪ Chester Park Center of Literacy & Technology – Smart Board	\$ 70,000
▪ Turning Point of Chester – Men’s Home Director	\$ 27,500
▪ The Good Samaritan Medical Clinic – Supplies & Services	\$ 50,000
▪ Second Harvest Bank – “Second Helping Program” for Seniors	\$ 46,800
▪ NPower of Charlotte – Technology Planning for Non-Profits	\$ 28,000
▪ The Early Learning Partnership – “Born to Read” Program	\$ 39,202
▪ Boys & Girls Club of York County – Activity Mini-Bus	\$ 38,239
▪ Fort Mill Adult Education – Computer Lab Manager	\$ 36,000
▪ York Co. Crisis Pregnancy Center – Ultrasound Equipment	\$ 36,000
▪ Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts – Laptop Computers	\$ 33,198
▪ USC Lancaster Tennis Association – Tennis Program	\$ 30,000
▪ Florence Crittenton – Residential Maternity Program	\$ 27,278
▪ YMCA Camp Thunderbird	\$ 25,450
▪ Life Builders ESL – Executive Director	\$ 24,765
▪ Fort Mill School District – Computer Software	\$ 27,500
▪ Parkinson Association of the Carolinas – Tri-County Project	\$ 11,000
▪ Lancaster School District – GEAR –UP Program	\$ 50,000
▪ Discretionary Grants	\$ 26,026

The Springs Close Foundation is pleased to announce the release of the 2005 Online Annual Report, *VISION, TRADITION & TOMORROW*. This year’s annual report examines the efforts supported today that will continue to bring hope, healing and happiness for years to come. To view or print the report on the Web, please visit www.thespringsclosefoundation.org.

The Springs Close Foundation has assets totaling \$40.3 million. Anne Springs Close is Chairman of the Board of Director and Angela McCrae is Executive Director. The main office is headquartered at 1826 Second Baxter Crossing in Fort Mill, South Carolina. The telephone number is (803) 548-2002 and the fax number is (803)548-1797.

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