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NC Community Foundation awards \$882,200 in scholarships

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RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Community Foundation has awarded more than \$882,200 in scholarships and educational grants in 2009, according to NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside.

The NCCF has awarded \$420,680 in direct scholarship aid to students from across North Carolina, representing 261 scholarships to 247 students. The NCCF also has contributed another \$461,538 in grant money to educational institutions for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students attending these schools.

Direct scholarships have been awarded to recent high school graduates and other qualified adults seeking higher education at public and private universities and community colleges. Scholarship endowments are held by the NCCF for most of its 60 affiliate foundations statewide. The scholarships are among 1,450 grants totaling more than \$4.6 million that the NCCF has awarded to nonprofits across North Carolina in the past year.

“We are extremely proud to partner with our affiliates, fund-holders and donors to help deserving students and adults further their education,” Tolle Whiteside said. “These scholarships and grants make meaningful differences in

the lives of hundreds of North Carolinians and have a significant impact on our state.”

About the North Carolina Community Foundation:

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly \$63 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$100 million in assets, the NCCF sustains 1,000 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 66 counties across the state. An important component of the NCCF’s mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org and Facebook. Those interested in investigating various scholarship opportunities offered through the NCCF should check the NCCF website in February 2010.

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