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CACF Announced \$75,000 Catalyst Grant to Charlottesville Police Department

Charlottesville, Virginia – October 16, 2009 – The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation’s Governing Board announced its third Catalyst Grant, addressing affordable housing needs in the community. The \$75,000 grant will allow the Charlottesville Police Department Foundation (CPDF) to expand its Housing Program for Charlottesville city police officers. The CACF Catalyst Grant Initiative addresses current unmet needs in the Charlottesville area, bringing critical issues to light, while leveraging dollars to fund innovative solutions. John Redick, president of CACF, stated that “The grant will have a direct impact on the Charlottesville police officers and their families. Of the 117 sworn officers on the force, less than a dozen currently live in the city, and of those, only a small number own their own homes. We are pleased to provide this year’s grant to CPDF, to assist police officers with a down-payment on a home in the City of Charlottesville.”

Among those at the event, special guests included John Redick, President of CACF, Louise Dudley, Chair of CACF Grants Committee, Randy Castleman, President of the CPDF, Dan Goodall, Director CPDF, Tim Longo, Chief of the Charlottesville Police Department and City Policeman Joe Hatter.

Randy Castleman stated, “We are extremely grateful to receive the Catalyst Grant from CACF this year. The officers who will receive housing assistance through this grant will receive more than just a down payment – they will receive clear evidence that their community values their service and wants to support them. And the benefit to the Department and the community of having police officers call the city they protect “home” is immeasurable.”

The Charlottesville Police Department Foundation, CPDF

The Charlottesville Police Department Foundation is an independent organization of citizens that provides resources for innovative programs to improve public safety beyond the reasonable reach of the City's budget. Through its Training, Housing, Outreach, and Awards Dinner programs, the CPDF recognizes outstanding performance, provides supplemental training and equipment, and promotes public awareness of Charlottesville's dedicated police officers and support staff.

www.cvillepolicefoundation.org

The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, CACF

The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation is a permanent endowment dedicated to improving the quality of life in Charlottesville and the surrounding Counties of Albemarle, Greene, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Buckingham, and Nelson. CACF makes grants of more than \$4 million annually through its Community Endowment and its many donor-advised funds. Since its inception in 1967, the Community Foundation has made grants of more than \$30 million to hundreds of nonprofit agencies.

www.cacfonline.org