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Education Foundation 2009-2010 Launches

6th Annual Membership Kick-Off and Ice Cream Social

Hendersonville, NC, August 2, 2009– The Henderson County Education Foundation, Inc. (HCEF) is pleased to announce its 2009-2010 Membership Campaign Kick-off featuring an ice cream social and tours to be held on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at its offices located at the Bullington Center, 21 Upper Red Oak Trail off Zeb Corn Road. Please R.S.V.P. for this event no later than Thursday, July 30, 2009 by calling 698-8884.

The event is an opportunity for HCEF to thank its members, sponsors, and friends for their continued support and to kick-off the new membership year. Allen Combs, the Foundation's president, will introduce new board members, Nancy Gilchrist, Debbie Reemes Ford, and Greg Cochran.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. with ice cream and lemonade, provided by Kilwin's, and a tour of the Bullington Center facilities, grounds and the Therapy Garden led by Coordinator, John Murphy, starting at about 2:45 p.m.

This year, six Henderson County Public School students who are scholarship recipients will participate in the program. Marker Scholarship recipients, Francisco Rodriguez from NC State University and Alex Cremer from UNC-Chapel Hill; Sparks Memorial Scholarship recipients, Jonathan Wilkins from Clemson University and Christi DeRidder from Gardner-Webb University; and recipient of the Red and White Scholarship, Caroline Merrill of Brevard College and Julie Ann Walker from Appalachian State University.

Entertainment will be provided by the award-winning North Henderson Marching Band, the Marching Knights, under the direction of Steve Sigmon. Sigmon, who helped rebuild the band from six to 55 students in just one school year and led the group to receive awards and superior ratings at competitions, will share his goals for the group.

Thanks to HCEF annual fundraising event sponsors, proceeds from all events were used to enhance the quality of life in Henderson County by enriching the education of students, teachers, and the community.

The Foundation provides administrative support for two education centers in the county, Historic Johnson Farm and The Bullington Center. Other HCEF programs include the Hall of Fame, Creative Teaching Grants, The Special Fund for Children, School Assistance Fund, Mini-Grants, and several scholarships and endowments, including the Connie and Ricky Sparks Memorial Scholarship and the Marker II Science Scholarship.

For additional information on this event, HCEF and its programs, please visit www.HCEF.info or contact HCEF at 698-8884 / 696-6688 or HCEFInfo@HCEF.info.

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