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\$100,000 Made Available to Georgetown County Nonprofits

The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation and the South Carolina Center for Grassroots and Nonprofit Leadership Join Forces to Help Local Faith- and Community-Based Organizations

Georgetown, S.C. (December 15, 2005) – The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation, in collaboration with the SC Center for Grassroots & Nonprofit Leadership (Center) at Clemson University, announced the availability of \$100,000 in sub-grants for community-based human service organizations in Georgetown County. The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation has earmarked \$50,000 to be matched on a dollar for dollar basis with funds from the SC Rural Communities Compassion Project administered by the Center. Proposals for up to \$20,000 with 5 awards will be sought from qualified county faith and community based organizations.

The request for proposal will be available to the public on December 20, 2005 and will be due on February 17, 2006.

To inform the community about the proposal and provide free training on grant writing, a Bunnelle Compassion Workshop will be held at the Georgetown Library from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2006. Applicants will greatly benefit from the information in the preparation of their proposals but are not required to attend for proposal submission. Please pre-register for the Bunnelle Compassion Workshop online at <http://sclc.clemson.edu>.

The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation and the Center will seek out, fund and provide technical assistance to organizations to build upon their capacity to implement programs related to homelessness, elders in need, at-risk children, people transitioning from welfare to work, those in need of intense rehabilitation services such as prisoners and addicts, and couples who need skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages. Information on how to obtain these sub-grants will be provided at this free workshop as part of the Compassion Capital Fund, a project of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“We are excited about this opportunity,” said Geales Sands, executive director of the Bunnelle Foundation. “Our collaboration provides an opportunity to equip nonprofits with the funding and resources needed to accomplish real change and to help our neighbors and fellow citizens.”

The Bunnelle Compassion Workshop will feature a question and answer session for potential sub-grant applicants regarding how to construct effective proposals for funding with representatives from the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation and staff from the South Carolina Rural

Communities Compassion Project. Innovative and informative training on grant writing will be given by experts from the SC Center for Grassroots and Nonprofit Leadership. These sessions feature strategic ideas and creative solutions to frequently encountered obstacles.

“This collaborative effort will maximize scarce community resources at a time of limited availability to benefit our most needy residents,” added Richard Campbell, Center director and co-principal investigator for the SC Rural Communities Compassion Project. “This relationship will serve as an example to others of the value of collaboration. The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation has demonstrated strong leadership and courage by its participation in this project. South Carolina is fortunate to have the opportunity to build capacity through this project.”

The grant application and instructions for submission are available on-line through the Center’s Web site at <http://sclc.clemson.edu>. All questions regarding the proposal should be directed to either 864.656.0201 or enhance@clemson.edu.

The sub-awards are available to Georgetown County nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations.

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About The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation

The mission of the Foundation is: *To improve the quality of life for Georgetown county citizens by focusing on causes consistent with Mrs. Bunnelle’s values, with emphasis on:*

- *Addressing the root causes of poverty*
- *Meeting basic human needs*
- *Advancing equitable economic growth and environmental conservation; and*
- *Encouraging positive youth development.*

For more information please visit: www.ccfives.org/about_bunnelle.

SC Rural Communities Compassion Project

The South Carolina Center for Grassroots and Nonprofit Leadership (Center) under the auspices of the South Carolina Collaborative for Grassroots and Nonprofit Leadership and the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University, is one of the original 21 organizations in the country awarded the Compassion Capital Fund as part of President George Bush’s Faith Based and Community Initiative. The Center is now implementing the SC Rural Communities Compassion Project (Compassion Project) which includes technical assistance to the state in the form of informative workshops, funding resources, the Resource Associate Network, one-on-one skills training, distance learning events and web resources. For more information on the Compassion Project please visit: <http://sclc.clemson.edu>.