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RivahFest Community Grants Announced

Tappahannock, VA (November 28, 2008) – RivahFest Steering Committee is pleased to announce the first grant in a continuing series to support local community organizations.

Since RivahFest started in 2003, surpluses have been set aside to build a fund to reinvest in our community. This year, the RivahFest Grant Committee was formed to identify worthy areas and to plan a series of grant gifts throughout the year. The first organization selected as recipient of the \$500 grant is the WRAR Christmas Wishes. Further recipients of RivahFest Grants will be announced this Winter and in Spring 2009. For more information about RivahFest, visit www.rivahfest.com

WRAR Christmas Wishes provides Christmas gifts to children and their families with medical and financial needs throughout the 7 local counties directly in the RivahFest community and WRAR listening area. WRAR Christmas Wishes is supported by staff members and their families, as well as friends and local volunteers. Every single gift and monetary donation is distributed to those in need in our local communities.

"Our original RivahFest financial goal was to provide an exciting and affordable event for our community while building financial reserves for contingencies such as inclement weather. We achieved that goal last year and now have surplus funds." John Clickener, RivahFest Treasurer, commented "I'm excited that we are using our surplus, in conjunction with The Tappahannock-Essex Chamber of Commerce, to provide grants for the support of community programs and projects."

RivahFest 2009 is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 and is being co-chaired by Katherine Newman (EVB) and Libbie Franklin (Bank of Essex). The RivahFest steering committee for

2009 draws volunteers in many areas: Thomas Bradshaw (Entertainment), David Broad (Promotion & Website), Terry Brooks (Arts & Crafts), John Clickener (Treasurer), Ronnie Gill (Chamber representative), Jeff James (Planning & Liaison), Sharon James (Past Chair), Tyler Lowery (Past Chair & Maritime), Glenn Morse (Sponsorship) and Joey Reinhardt (Publications & Liaison).

For more information about Tappahannock-Essex RivahFest media or publicity contact Wendy Jenkins at St. Margaret's School, 804-443-3357.

WRAR 's Christmas Wishes Rich Morgan and Betty Osburn accept the first \$500 RivahFest Grant presented by Ronnie Gill, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Libbie Franklin and Katherine Newman, Festival Co-Chairs representing the RivahFest Steering Committee.