

# PCEF to participate in state tax credit program

The Patrick County Education Foundation has been approved to again participate in the Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program for fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is a program of the Virginia Department of Social Services and is intended to encourage partnerships between the private and public sectors to assist the economically deprived. Through NAP, state tax credits are provided as incentives for businesses and individuals to contribute directly to approved nonprofit organizations which serve the state's low-income citizens.

This is the foundation's third year as an approved NAP organization. The foundation has been allocated \$100,000 in NAP state tax credits for this year that it can award for qualifying donations received now through June 30, 2007. Under the

Neighborhood Assistance Program, donors can receive state tax credits worth 45% of their qualifying contribution. To qualify, contributions by individuals or married couples must be at least \$500; for businesses, the minimum is \$889. The foundation will make these credits available to donors until all are allocated.

"The NAP benefits the foundation, the community and the donor," said foundation board member Roger Anglin. "Donors can generously support the foundation's work and, by using NAP credits, they can receive a credit against Virginia income tax equal to 45% of the donation. Additional tax benefits maybe be available in some situations. The foundation still receives each donor's full gift and the community receives the benefits of the foundation's services. For people or businesses with significant Virginia tax liability, this is a terrific way to ease that burden and at the same time, generously

support the important work of this foundation." Anglin is taxation director with the Roanoke office of Brown, Edwards & Company Certified Public Accountants.

"This program represents a unique partnership between nonprofits like the Patrick County Education Foundation and the Commonwealth. It really is a wonderful program, for us and for our donors. NAP tax credits are not a cash payment by any government entity to the foundation. Rather, this program makes it easier for taxpayers to support our foundation's work by lowering their actual gift cost through the application of state tax credits," added Diane Edwards, director of development with the PCEF.

For more information on how to take advantage of the Neighborhood Assistance Program's state tax credits or to learn more about the foundation's services, contact the Patrick County Education Foundation at (276) 694-7233.