



## Lincoln County Community Foundation

### News Release

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# Fundraiser Edges Lincoln County Community Foundation Closer to Meeting Challenge Grant

## *Timken Foundation Challenge Grant Holds Potential for \$150,000*

August 26, 2009 - The Lincoln County Community Foundation held the first fundraising event in its history on Saturday, August 22, at Vesuvius Vineyards in Iron Station. More than 175 people gathered to hear about the history of Vesuvius Vineyards and to learn more about future plans for the historic home and its vineyard.

Sylvia Holmes, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Lincoln County Community Foundation, served as emcee for the event. During the event Daniel Barefoot, Trustee Emeriti of the community foundation, gave a detailed and entertaining recount of the life and times of Joseph A. Graham, the original owner of the Vesuvius House. Also in attendance was Doug Mayes, a former Charlotte news anchor who now resides in Denver. Mayes helped select winners of the many items donated as door prizes from businesses and individuals across the county. An ensemble from the East Lincoln Community Chorus, a past grant recipient of the Lincoln County Community Foundation, provided entertainment for the event.

The event was an effort to raise funds to meet a challenge grant that will benefit the Lincoln County Community Foundation's endowment. Earlier this year the community foundation received a \$50,000 grant to its endowment fund from the Timken Foundation. Along with the initial grant, the Timken Foundation made a challenge grant that will match dollar for dollar additional gifts to the endowment up to \$50,000. Members of the Lincoln County Community Foundation Board of Trustees are charged with raising funds for the challenge, which ends September 7, 2009.

The Timken Foundation's purpose in making the grant to the Lincoln County Community Foundation is to grow the endowment and increase the capacity for grantmaking to local Lincoln County nonprofit organizations. "With this grant, the Timken Foundation has again shown its vision for a better Lincoln County," said Lincoln County Community Foundation Board Chair Harry Huss. "We thank the Timken Foundation and local plant manager, Paul Hubacher, as well as former plant leaders, Bob Tull and Wayne Lowe, for assistance in making this possible. Citizens of Lincoln County will reap the benefits from this grant for many years to come."

To date, the Lincoln County Community Foundation has made grants totaling \$23,100 to area nonprofits. If the challenge grant goal is reached, the Lincoln County Community Foundation's endowment would grow by \$150,000, substantially increasing future grantmaking potential. "We are \$7,000 away from the Timken Foundation challenge which would net us \$150,000 for our grantmaking endowment," said Sylvia Holmes.

Donations toward the challenge grant goal can be made to the endowment fund by secure online credit card transaction at [www.lincolncounty-cf.org](http://www.lincolncounty-cf.org) or by mailing a check to: Lincoln County Community Foundation, 217 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. All contributions are tax deductible.

#### **About Lincoln County Community Foundation**

Established in 2001 as a permanent endowment, the Lincoln County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Lincoln Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community.

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