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STEERING COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE SEPT. 25 TO SHAPE NEW CONNECT SOUTHSIDE

Connect Southside, a new local communication and information sharing resource, invites interested people to attend an organizational and brainstorming meeting on Sept. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the new library in Hopewell. Attendees will serve as an informal steering committee to the network.

“Connect Southside was developed at the request of nonprofit, government and citizen leaders to improve communication, information access and resource sharing in the region,” said Connect Southside Coordinator Wendy Austin. “The network will depend on the ideas and insights of local citizens to determine how it can best serve the region.”

Connect Network’s resources include: a searchable nonprofit and government services database; a job finder; volunteer opportunities; a regional calendar; local, state and national data and reports; and nonprofit management guidance. The most popular feature is an email communication group that enables interested citizens to better communicate and stay informed. For more information, see: www.ConnectSouthside.org

“The Cameron Foundation is proud to partner with Connect Network to provide this valuable resource to local nonprofits,” said Anne Douglas of the Cameron Foundation. “Connect Southside will help build the capacity and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations in the region and support the other partnerships and capacity-building initiatives we have developed.”

“I have found the resources, information-sharing and job listing services offered through Connect Richmond most helpful, and I am excited to now have these services specifically for the Southside region,” said Sheena Mackenzie, Development Director of the Central Virginia Health Services. “I hope many non-profits and their employees will sign up for Connect Southside because the more we share, the stronger the connections.”

Funded by the Cameron Foundation, and developed in partnership with the Southside Virginia Nonprofit Resource Center and the Appomattox Regional Library System, Connect Southside is the third Connect Network replication.

To register for the Sept. 25 event, contact Wendy Austin at (804) 458-6329 ext. 2010 or waustin@connectnetwork.org.

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