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NEW connectSouthside LAUNCHED
www.connectsouthside.org

We are pleased to announce the launch of connectSouthside, a free local communication and information sharing resource, serving nonprofits, government, civic-minded individuals and businesses in the Tri-Cities/Southside region.

“connectSouthside was developed at the request of nonprofit, government and citizen leaders to improve communication, information access and resource sharing in the region,” said connectSouthside 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. “connectSouthside 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 connectSouthside 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, connectSouthside is the third Connect Network replication.

For more information about using the connectSouthside Web site, www.ConnectSouthside.org as your one-stop, free source for information important to the Southside region, contact Wendy Austin at (804) 458-6329 ext. 2010 or waustin@connectnetwork.org.

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