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ALLIANCE RECEIVES DELTA ENDOWMENT GRANT

LITTLE ROCK, AR (August 17, 2015)–The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is proud to announce we have received a Delta Endowment for Building Community grant for \$8000 to increase access to healthy food for low income Delta populations and empower them with the skills they need to reduce their long-term food insecurity.

“The grant from Arkansas Community Foundation will make a marked difference in the ability of Delta residents to lead healthier, more satisfying lives,” commented Kathy Webb, Alliance executive director. “We know from the data that when people become involved in the Cooking Matters program, they can reduce their likelihood of remaining food insecure by 50 percent. That’s huge, and the Alliance is committed to being the vehicle of that success.”

The Alliance will provide nutrition education training in seven Delta counties facing high levels of food insecurity. These trainings will include six-week Cooking Matters nutrition and culinary education courses hosted in partnership with UAMS East, education about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets and road side stands, and guided Cooking Matters at the Store grocery store tours to teach families how to make great tasting, nutritious, and cost effective food choices.

Arkansas Community Foundation’s Delta Endowment for Building Community supports projects that improve the social and economic conditions for children and families in 26 counties in the Arkansas Delta region. Learn more at www.arcf.org/DeltaEndowment.

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About The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, lead partner in Arkansas for the No Kid Hungry campaign, is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 480 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas. Our founding members include the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfolk, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith. The Alliance is dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs, donor and volunteer opportunities.

About Arkansas Community Foundation

Arkansas Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that fosters smart giving to improve communities. The Community Foundation offers tools to help Arkansans protect, grow and direct their charitable dollars as they learn

more about community needs. By making grants and sharing knowledge, the Community Foundation supports charitable programs that work for Arkansas and partners to create new initiatives that address the gaps. Since 1976, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$120 million in grants and partnered with thousands of Arkansans to help them improve our neighborhoods, our towns and our entire state. Contributions to the Community Foundation, its funds and any of its 27 affiliates are fully tax deductible.