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PRESS RELEASE

THE FRIENDS OF THE WATAUGA LIBRARY RECEIVES \$3,000 GRANT FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT LIBRARY "LEARNING FOR LIFE" PROGRAM

The Friends of Watauga Library has received a \$3,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase literacy materials for the Watauga Public Library Learning for Life program.

Dana Harper, Program Coordinator, is enthusiastic about the opportunity. "With the continued financial support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the program will continue to thrive and grow as it has in the past two years in which Learning for Life has more than doubled in size."

The Learning for Life Program began in 2004 and has grown continuously with a series of government and foundation grants. Starting as a Laubach Way to English tutoring program with ten volunteer tutors, it now includes English Reading/Writing/Speaking classes, Ventures small-group classes, Laubach Way to English classes, citizenship classes, computer classes, and GED classes.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants to organizations in communities served by Dollar General stores. The literacy grants support nonprofit organizations that provide literacy services such as adult basic education, GED preparation, English language acquisition, or programs for youth who struggle with reading. For more information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and a complete list of grant recipients for 2015, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$100 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 5.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma, or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.