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**ENERGYUNITED FOUNDATION GIVES \$10,000 TO ADVOCACY CENTER OF DAVIE COUNTY**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** - The EnergyUnited Foundation recently approved a grant for \$10,000 to Advocacy Center of Davie County, located in Mocksville, NC. The funds will be used to assist clients and families at or below poverty level with utility bills to avoid cut-off and rent payments, which in turn will help avoid evictions. The Advocacy Center of Davie County is a faith-based, non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation established for the purpose of helping low income and disadvantaged Davie County residents to connect with support resources in a time of crisis. The Advocacy Center has touched many lives through their work and ministry. When other agencies or churches are unable to help, the Advocacy Center can provide temporary financial assistance to help families remain in their homes and maintain their utilities.

“We are very grateful for EnergyUnited Foundation’s generous donation to help needy families in the area,” said Elizabeth Eagle, Executive Director and CEO of Advocacy Center of Davie County. “We are so happy to have your support and would like to assure you that your generous donation is making a difference in the community of Davie County.”

The Advocacy Center began as a joint effort between the First Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian Churches in Mocksville. It was incorporated on December 26, 2006 and began to serve the needy in 2007. Its mission is to work together with local churches and public and private agencies to help individuals and families temporarily in need of a helping hand. As more support becomes available, the Advocacy Center will look to partner with these same agencies to design programs that help lift people out of poverty, not just provide short-term assistance.

“The EnergyUnited Foundation granted \$10,000 to the Advocacy Center of Davie County to assist them with providing services to individuals in need throughout Davie County. This money will allow them to help a lot of community members who are in grave need of assistance, said Debra Citta, EnergyUnited Foundation Administrator. “I am very grateful that the EnergyUnited Foundation has a board of nine dedicated volunteers who review applications every month and determine how much to grant to individuals and non-profit organizations. In 2016, we granted over \$425,000 throughout the 19 counties EnergyUnited serves. I’m thrilled to be part of an organization who gives back to the community.”

Advocacy Center of Davie County looks forward to using the funds to support needy families in Davie County. “We’re really appreciative of this very generous gift because we know it is going help a lot of people in our community,” said Elizabeth Eagle.

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