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NASH COUNTY— Leadership Rocky Mount Donates over \$14,000 for Computer Lab at Edwards Middle

The Leadership Rocky Mount Class of 2010-2011 formed a valuable partnership with Edwards Middle School this past year. Principal Donna Dougherty encouraged the class to consider becoming Backback Buddies for the students of Edwards. Backback Buddies provide food for students who may not receive nutritious meals on the weekends when they are away from school. The Leadership Class provided enough food to fill nearly 200 backpacks for students.

While on a school tour LRM members discovered there was a need for computers for their Mobile Lab. The Class decided they wanted to take on this project as well for the students at Edwards. Through individual donations, corporate contributions from Consolidated Diesel Company, CenturyLink, Hospira, Southern Bank, and the Rocky Mount Community Foundation, LRM raised over \$14,000 for the mobile computer lab.

Leadership Rocky Mount is a year-long program for young community leaders and immerses them in our twin county community and its issues. Each class also completes one or more service projects. Leadership Rocky Mount is sponsored by the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce.

Photo attached to the accompanying e-mail. Cutline: The Leadership Rocky Mount Class of 2010-2011 donates over \$14,000 to Edwards Middle School for a mobile computer laboratory. Pictured from left: Trey Mayo, City of Rocky Mount Fire Chief; Amy Ward, CenturyLink, Marlo Ricks, Battle, Winslow, Scott & Wiley; Brad Kerr, City of Rocky Mount and leader of the project; Vanessa Whitaker, Southern Bank; Donna Dougherty, Principal, Edwards Middle School; Dr. Anthony Jackson, Superintendent, Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools; and Bob Jenkins, Board Chair. *Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*