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March 20, 2017 – Staunton City Schools Nutrition Program Awarded Grant

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STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS NUTRITION PROGRAM AWARDED GRANT

(STAUNTON, VA) -- Staunton City Schools has been chosen for the 2017 School Food Support Initiative, A Life Time Foundation Program, in partnership with Chef Ann Foundation, Whole Kids Foundation and The Walton Family Foundation. The School Food Support Initiative was created to help schools make the transition to serving more scratch-cooked, healthy food. Nationwide, only seven school divisions were selected to receive the 2017 grants.

This year marks the second round of grant awards, with five school divisions receiving the School Food Support Initiative grants in 2016. Amanda Warren, School Nutrition Program Supervisor for Staunton City Schools made application for this grant on behalf of the school district. The competitive application process required a detailed inspection of all aspects of the SCS School Nutrition Program, participation in a panel interview, and submission of a written essay demonstrating the school division's ongoing commitment to change. As a part of the grant, the SCS School Nutrition Program will receive: hands-on training from Chef Ann Cooper and a team of school food service experts; on-site assessment and strategic planning of the school division's operations; a systems assistance grant for equipment or other school food program needs; and technical assistance throughout the two-year grant period.

For more information, please contact Amanda Warren, Staunton City Schools Nutrition Program Supervisor or visit the Chef Ann Foundation blog at: <http://www.chefannfoundation.org/news-media/the-lunch-line-blog/school-food-support-initiative-brings-7-districts-to-the-table/#sthash.D8FQm45g.dpuf>.

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