MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECEIVES SIX NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County received six 2010 NACo Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), an organization that represents county governments across the nation.

"We are pleased that the County has been nationally recognized for our innovative and creative programs," said Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chair Annette Perkins. "The Board is proud of the hard work and dedication of our employees who strive hard to provide quality services to citizens."

The following County departments or offices received awards:

- **Sheriff's Office: Litter Cleanup Project**. The Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Office worked together to form a program to help keep Montgomery County's roadways clean.
- **Human Resources Department: On-site Clinic and Wellness Program**. A fully integrated on-site disease management clinic and wellness program focuses on early detection and prevention in order to optimize employee health and bend the cost curve of insurance renewals and productivity losses.
- **Human Resources Department: Regional Training Program.** In order to reduce costs and time involved in training new employees, Montgomery County and the towns of Christiansburg and Blacksburg began a collaborative effort for orientation training that has expanded into joint training in other areas.
- **Parks and Recreation Department: Pool Party for Pooches**. This annual fundraising event is a public-private partnership between Montgomery County Parks and Recreation and the Humane Society of Montgomery County.
- **Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library: Listen Up! Downloadable Books Come to Southwest Virginia**. Library directors from Southwest Virginia formed a consortium to provide all their libraries with downloadable books – a service they might otherwise not be able to afford. –
- **Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library: Harry Potter in Appalachia**. A partnership between MFRL, a medical college and a coalition of museums transformed a traveling Harry Potter exhibition into learning opportunities for people of all ages.

Each department received a certificate from NACo, along with a letter of congratulations recognizing the County's "hard work to promote quality, efficient and responsive management and administration." A list of other award winners may be viewed at www.naco.org. In addition, summaries of award-winning programs will be included in NACo's model programs database to share with other counties across the nation.

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