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Transylvania Habitat for Humanity Teams Up with AARP Foundation for Property Tax- Aide Program

Brevard, NC – Local nonprofit Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is teaming up with AARP Foundation and The Council on Aging - Buncombe County to offer our local residents the Property Tax-Aide program for qualified candidates living in Transylvania County.

"Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is more than just building and repairing homes," stated Executive Director Angie Hunter. "At the heart of our mission is the belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live and to thrive in their community. The Tax-Aide program aligns with our mission by helping reduce costs for certain homeowners."

AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide allows qualified applicants to apply for property tax relief, focusing on older adults with low to moderate income. The North Carolina property tax relief programs are primarily for those individuals who may be totally and permanently disabled, disabled veterans, and surviving spouses of a servicemember or veteran. The collaboration between Transylvania Habitat and AARP Foundation is part of Habitat's efforts to deliver on its long-standing mission to ensure that all residents of our county have a decent home in which to live.

Community Outreach Manager Adam DeWitte agreed that there's no downside to ensuring that all residents have an equal chance to live comfortably.

"This is an opportunity for both AARP Foundation and Transylvania Habitat to show appreciation and respect for our veterans and older residents who need a cushion in paying their mortgage." DeWitte stated. "It's a win-win for everyone involved, and we're excited to be a part of the process."

Anyone interested in taking part in the free Property Tax-Aide program through Transylvania Habitat will meet with a trained volunteer to determine eligibility and go through the application process in greater detail.

To learn more about the Property Tax-Aide program through AARP Foundation and Transylvania Habitat for Humanity, please call Vance Goodman with The Council on Aging at 828-277-8288 ext. 1314.

Founded in 1984, Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) organization with a vision of ensuring that all residents have a decent place in which to live. To volunteer at the ReStore, to help build or repair homes, or to schedule a speaking engagement with Habitat, please contact Adam DeWitte at 828-884-3907 or via email at <u>adam.dewitte@transylvaniahabitat.org</u>. For more information about Transylvania Habitat for Humanity at-a-glance or to make a donation, please visit the Habitat website at <u>www.transylvaniahabitat.org</u> or call 828-884-3464.