



The Clay County Communities Revitalization Association

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Donation from Hayesville Native Marks Major Milestone in Historic Courthouse Restoration

Local community group's revitalization project to create economic, social and cultural centerpiece for downtown Hayesville

HAYESVILLE, N.C.—The Clay County Communities Revitalization Association (CCCRA) announced today a financial commitment from Clay County native Ron Beal to help restore its historic downtown courthouse.

The CCCRA is a group of volunteers dedicated to raising awareness of Clay County's unique natural and historical assets, and Cherokee heritage, while strengthening their local economy through festivals, concerts and an array of events around Hayesville's town square. For almost two decades, CCCRA has been working to turn the Historic Courthouse into the economic, social and cultural center for downtown Hayesville and Clay County. Beal, who has been following the courthouse preservation efforts through family and friends, felt it was time to give CCCRA a much-needed boost to make the iconic 1888 courthouse the center-piece of Clay County once again.

As long-time CCCRA member Rob Tiger put it: "Clay County grows big hearts. That big heart is evident in the tireless work of our community volunteers and CCCRA – folks who have worked relentlessly since 1998 to bring economic and environmental vitality to our county."

That vision for our community launched restoration efforts to reclaim our Historic Courthouse. Thousands of dollars and even more hours, devoted to yard sales, hot dog sales and concerts, demonstrate that commitment.

Clay County native Ron Beal moved to Memphis where his hard work and business acumen brought success. Ron has stayed connected with Hayesville, and he recognizes the groundswell of community support to restore the courthouse and kindle opportunity for our downtown.

Thanks to Ron and the generosity of countless donors and partners, CCCRA will launch a series of repairs to breathe new life into our Historic Courthouse and downtown. Future plans include new building infrastructure and systems, a catering kitchen and community space. Thanks to that big Clay County heart and lots of can-do, new opportunities await just around the corner."

Sandy Zimmerman, chair of Historic Hayesville, expressed delight. "We are so grateful to Ron. The Historic Courthouse, restored and renovated, provides an engine to drive our downtown economy and cultural programming. The new space will provide opportunities for receptions, performances, exhibitions, weddings and more. Retail space will provide entrepreneurs the chance to support local commerce. We thank Ron and the many donors and volunteers supporting this effort."

We hope you'll join us as we continue to generate funding for this historic treasure.

To learn more about CCCRA and get involved with our programs, including the Historic Courthouse, Trails, Cherokee Heritage and Events such as festivals and concerts, see www.cccra-nc.org.