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Catskill Hudson AHEC receives a \$2,500 Grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund

Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Highland, New York has received a \$2,500 from the Northeast Dutchess Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, to help develop and support the Scrub Club program to be implemented at the Dover High School during the 2012-13 school year. Scrub Club is designed to help high school students build solid futures by introducing them to a broad array of healthcare careers through interactive programs, hands-on activities, and meaningful field trips. The goal is to engage students through encouragement and mentoring programs to demonstrate that continuing their education beyond high school can be meaningful, engaging, and relevant to their future. By fostering long-term partnerships among businesses, educators, community-based organizations and parents, Scrub Club helps prepare young people to meet the challenges and requirements of careers in the healthcare industry in today's knowledge-rich society.

The Scrub Club program was conceptualized by and developed in collaboration with the Foundation for Community Health.

"We are very excited that the Scrub Club program has generated so much interest and support from local communities", states Kathryn Reed, Executive Director of Catskill Hudson AHEC. "The funds will be used for non-personnel costs directly related to implementing and running this program in the first year."

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area.

Berkshire Taconic formed the Northeast Dutchess (NED) Fund in 2002 to improve the quality of life in Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, Wingdale and their hamlets. Grants have been awarded on an annual basis to libraries, community centers, school districts, women shelters and child care programs across the region.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation celebrates 25 years of building stronger communities and helping donors make a difference through charitable giving in northwest Litchfield County, CT; Berkshire County, MA; and Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY. Each year, the foundation distributes over \$7 million through grants and scholarships to nonprofits and individuals in the arts and education, health and human services and environmental protection. Berkshire Taconic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity.

