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### **Glass Foundation Funds Performance Center of Asheville.**

Asheville, NC: The Glass Foundation has announced a \$500,000 donation to the Asheville Area Center for the Performing Arts for construction of a new performance center in Asheville. “We believe Asheville deserves a first-class performance center. We are excited about helping to build one downtown,” said Foundation president Lara Nolletti in announcing the gift.

“This \$500,000 gift brings us much closer to our goal of meeting the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation’s challenge,” said AAPCA President Joyce Dorr. Earlier the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation offered to contribute \$1,000,000 toward a new performance center if the community raised \$3,000,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of 2007. “We are more than halfway there,” said Dorr. “We are encouraged by the community’s support. We are reaching out now, as we come down to the deadline, to those who have expressed a desire to make a significant contribution to our community. The funds raised will help to design and construct a new performing arts center—a place where live performances can be held in a setting that does them full justice, but also a place for rehearsals and community gatherings, for educational programs and workshops to serve families across our diverse community for many decades.”

The Glass Foundation was founded in Asheville in 2000 by Kenneth and Nancy Glass. It strives to help Western North Carolina thrive as a whole community educationally, environmentally, economically and culturally, and, through these efforts, to enhance the region’s quality of life. The foundation’s five-person board is headed by its president, Lara Nolletti.

The AAPCA is grateful for The Glass Foundation’s generosity and its participation in the Performing Arts Center project.

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