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The Education Foundation

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HC*EXCELL launches E-Newsletter

HC*EXCELL dedicates to you, our contributors, its new quarterly newsletter in recognition of the moral and financial support you have given us over the last fifteen years. This newsletter is to keep you informed as we grow together in “Sustaining our Partnership”.

Tuff Torq Corporation Endows High School Leadership

Thanks Tuff Torq for your support and gift of \$50,000 to endow the Yasuyuki High School Leadership Fellowship to promote the development of leadership skills in Hamblen County sophomores and juniors.

Imagination Library Passes 800 participants

Andy Smith, HC*EXCELL President, announced that Hamblen County applications for the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library project have passed the 800 mark. The Imagination Library program provides a book a month at no cost to children from birth to five years of age. The cost of each book is \$2.25 and approximately \$27 per child per year.

HC*EXCELL contributors are the main source of support for the Hamblen County Imagination Library program and we appreciate and thank each and every one of you. Special recognition goes to our major contributors: Tuff Torq, Jefferson Federal Charitable Foundation, MAHLE, First Tennessee, Union Planters/Regions Bank, Morristown- Hamblen HEALTHCARE System, Berkline Inc., Lakeway Regional Hospital, HealthStar Physicians and the *Citizen Tribune*. Also, we want to thank our partners in this effort, WSCC, MH Library, U.S. Postal Service and the Kiwanis Club of Morristown.

MAHLE established Technology Grant in Honor of Hans Jehle Retirement

MAHLE creates MAHLE—Hans Jehle Technology Grant to honor Hans Jehle retirement This annual \$1,000 grant will provide a certified educator of the Hamblen County School System the opportunity to

purchase technology equipment, such as computer Components, software etc. Hans was president of MAHLE for 16 years and has been a true advocate of quality education in Hamblen County. Hans, we salute you on your well earned honor and thank MAHLE for their continuous support.

“Imagination Library Story Time” First in State

Hamblen County P-16 partnership helps develop a fifteen-minute Story Time reading program that will air on Charter MainStreet mornings at 9:30am. The program is directed toward children, birth to five years of age through the reading of “Imagination Library” books. **Eva, the Engineer** will have guest readers on board reading age appropriate books and giving out reading tips to parents and guardians. The partnership has the support of the Dollywood Foundation and the Birth to Books Foundation.

Hamblen County P-16 Council News

Have you heard about P-16? HC*EXCELL together with its partners has been hard at work developing the first local **P-16 Council** in the State.

By the way P-16 stands for Pre-school through Grade 16.

This council, whose membership is made up of a wide variety of Hamblen County organizations, has three main goals: Make education the #1 priority in Hamblen County, Recruit, Retain and Develop qualified educators and ensure continuity and consistency of quality education throughout pre-school through higher education. Thus far a PTO survey of schools has been completed, a “Home Grown Educator” video has been produced, six Community Collaboration Meetings have been held, two County Commission – Hamblen Board of Education information meetings have been conducted and a three-month P-16 marketing campaign has been organized. **See our web site for more information.**

PFAD celebrates 4th Year

20 local business leaders participated in the fourth year of the Principal for a Day program on March 14th and 15th. **See more on the web site.**

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