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Dear members of the St. James Charities Foundation:

Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA) currently operates the Main Street Children's Center on the campus of St. James Episcopal Church. In order to promote safety, creativity and thoughtful play, WCCA is in the process of converting many of its center's playground areas to Outdoor Learning Environments (OLE's).

These OLE's replace traditional metal equipment such as swing sets, monkey bars and bouncing rides, with all environmentally friendly items and materials found in nature such as tree stumps, river rocks, and wooden objects that can create an endless variety of play structures according to each child's imagination.

WCCA understands that converting to OLE's at each of our centers will be a costly venture. Given the added benefit of improved safety, creativity, and aesthetic value to each facility, we hope that it's an investment that the St. James Charities Foundation is willing to join us in making at your church.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Western Carolina Community Action, I would like to provide our endorsement and approval of a \$5,000 grant request to fund this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Kim Wilson, Board Chair  
Western Carolina Community Action, Inc.