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NBCC Foundation Awards 2015 Scholarship to LaVerne Hanes Stevens

Tyrone, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2015 Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) professional development awards to LaVerne Hanes Stevens, of Tyrone, Georgia. The goal of this scholarship program is to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders. Stevens will receive \$500 to advance her professional identity and development.

Stevens is a licensed professional counselor and Board Certified Coach who maintains a private counseling and coaching practice in Peachtree City, Georgia. Stevens believes that integrative care—involving body, mind and spirit—is essential for helping individuals maximize wellness and positive outcomes for their lives. Her goal is to integrate the virtues of alternative and complementary approaches (e.g., animal-assisted therapy, nutritional, social and mind-body care) with conventional therapy. Toward that end, she was recently accepted into the integrative health studies (IHS) certificate program at the University of West Georgia, and plans to use this scholarship to pursue that goal. In addition to being a therapist, Stevens is a master trainer for NBCC International's Mental Health Facilitator program. In that role, she conducts international trainings-of-trainers in a multicultural and multidisciplinary context to help professionals and paraprofessionals in high-need, under-resourced countries to recognize and respond to signs of mental stress, mental distress and mental disorders in their communities. Stevens is also the founder and CEO of the international mission organization The Joseph Alliance, Inc., which conducts short-term, faith-based service trips with long-term impact. Since 2005, she has taken diverse groups of volunteers to East and West Africa every year and encourages them to seek ways to make a lasting contribution using their gifts and skills.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.nbccf.org. CCE, a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the funding for this award. More information about CCE credentials is available at www.cce-global.org.

About the NBCC Foundation

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 60,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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