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News Release

Barnwell County Career Center FFA receives Living to Serve Grant from National FFA Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS (Thursday, February 26, 2026/National FFA Organization) – The Barnwell County Career Center FFA chapter in Barnwell County, South Carolina has been awarded a Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant in the amount of $1200.00. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support semester-long service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement during the spring semester. Barnwell County Career Center FFA is one of three FFA chapters in South Carolina to be awarded a grant this semester.

Barnwell County Career Center FFA plans to help address welfare of animals in their community with their service learning project titled "Pawsitive Impact: From Our Hands to Their Paws" this Spring. Students in Mrs. Still's Animal Science and Agricultural Science classes will design and create animal beds, blankets, and leashes that will be donated to local animal shelters and vet offices based on identified needs. This project will focus on community engagement as students will have the opportunity to work with community members and businesses as supplies are purchased and again when items are distributed at the conclusion of this project. "We love all of our animals at school and the majority of our students have pets that they care for so this was a project idea that was driven with love and passion. I am very excited to see our students get to work on these projects and give something back to a community that always supports us," said Mrs. Still.

The program provided over $64,000 to FFA chapters in 26 states. The 2026 Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grants are sponsored by Cargill and Tractor Supply Company. For more information and a complete listing of sponsors, visit FFA.org/livingtoserve.

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The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations, and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders, and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees composed of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA Alumni, the foundation is a separately registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.