

Hollins raised \$956,296 in an eight-month period, meeting the requirement to receive \$500,000 in additional funds from the endowment.

Wendy's donates to food bank

Wendy's has donated \$14,103.69 to the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank.

The donation, which equates to more than 43,000 meals, came from proceeds of Wendy's key tag initiative, in which customers could purchase a \$1 frosty key tag and received a free junior frosty for a year with every Wendy's purchase.

Tailgate raises funds for Haiti relief

Virginia Tech students and Blacksburg merchants teamed up to throw a tailgate party at the April 24 spring football game to raise money for relief efforts in Haiti.

The free Ut Prosim Tailgate, which took place on Draper Road and Market Square Park, provided live entertainment, a spirit rally, T-shirt drive, fundraising raffle, silent auction, food vendors, a beer and wine garden and games. Proceeds were donated to Partners in Health, a relief organization that has been working in Haiti for more than 20 years.

The event was sponsored by Hokies United, Downtown Blacksburg Inc., the Virginia Tech Student Government Association, Student Alumni Associates, Main Street Inn and VT-ENGAGE.

Columbia Gas helps fund energy auditor training program

Columbia Gas of Virginia has given \$450,000 to a program that trains people to do home energy audits.

The three-year grant to the New River Center for Energy Research and Training, through Community Housing Partners, will help fill the need for energy auditors. Audits are required for low-income residents to qualify for federal home weatherization program funding.

