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**ASD announces details of
NO FARMS NO FOOD, Sunday Supper on the Porch FUNdraiser, May 21 at the
Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center**

Abingdon, VA, 4/11/2017 -- Nationally known and respected for its commitment to local farmers, Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) will hold a casual, farm-to-table, BYOB FUNdraiser on the porch at the Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville, Tennessee. On May 21, from 5:30-7:30pm, 100 guests will enjoy an outdoor fundraising experience like no other. 100% of all proceeds benefit ASD's work in northeast TN and southwest VA. Tickets are \$45/person and **must be purchased in advance**, space is limited. Contact Sylvia Crum at scrum@asdevelop.org to purchase tickets or for details.

Chef Mike Archdeacon will use local ingredients from within 100 miles of the facility to prepare a creative and flavorful, 4-course meal, served 'family style' with underwriting provided by general contractors, J. A. Street, who are known for being generous community partners. Live cello music will be provided by AP Strings and it's all for a great cause! Tours of the new facility will also be provided.

Each year ASD creates fundraising events to bring together a wide variety of folks that recognize the importance of collaborating to build a strong local food culture. By creating jobs in farming and addressing food insecurity, ASD helps bring hope to rebuild the small communities that dot the rural Appalachian landscape. Guests often include program beneficiaries, farmers, corporate partners, donors and more. ASD events are known for their inspirational menus that feature the freshest, most flavorful, in-season ingredients available. This event will offer local food, non-alcoholic beverages and is BYOB.

Chris Ramsey, UT Extension Ag Agent adds, "We are happy to partner on this event. The Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center will bring many opportunities for education to our area, making northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia a 'go-to destination'. Area citizens will no longer have to go to Knoxville or Blacksburg for major Agricultural events."

About The Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center

The Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center's mission is to facilitate fundamental programs that provide opportunities to educate and inspire the advancement of agriculture within the region through a variety of outreach activities. With a vision to promote awareness in this community and excellence in the diverse agricultural economy of northeast TN.

About Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD)

Appalachian Sustainable Development is dedicated to its mission to transition Appalachia to a more resilient economy and a healthier population by supporting local agriculture, exploring new economic opportunities and connecting people with healthy food. Since 1995, ASD, a 501 c(3), has been serving northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia. As ASD's work continues, it will expand its focus to include regional partnerships that build important connections to increase market access and bring necessary resources to the rural communities in its physical footprint. ASD operates programs that create jobs in farming and agriculture and address food insecurity. For more information, visit www.asdevelop.org, Facebook or Twitter.

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