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The JPB Foundation awards Southface funding to take its Nonprofit Energy and Water Efficiency Initiative nationwide

Atlanta, GA – September 24, 2015 – Southface is pleased to announce that The JPB Foundation has awarded the organization a multi-year grant of close to \$3 million to take its *Nonprofit Energy and Water Efficiency Initiative* (NEWE) nationwide. A previous grant from JPB allowed Southface to develop a pilot program to help Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) affiliates in the Southeast save money by reducing energy and water waste. The pilot's goal was to improve conditions in existing facilities and reduce annual utility expenses by 20 percent so that those funds could be used to support the BGCA mission. To date, \$820,338 in implementation funding has been awarded to 17 clubs. Early results indicate the potential for year-over year utility savings of up to 25 percent.

According to Leisa Smith, executive director of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, "the average \$1,000 monthly savings on utility costs at our Fuqua Boys & Girls Club will allow us to serve a dozen additional children each year. Plus, the comfort, safety and maintenance benefits of the improvements provide additional value. And our boys and girls engaged in the project and learned about saving energy and water, recycling and other green measures."

The new grant will develop a sustainable energy and water efficiency program for the national nonprofit and foundation community that demonstrates the value of investing in energy, water and resource efficiency. Building on the success of the pilot, Southface will expand the partnership with BGCA to include approximately thirty new Boys and Girls clubs as well as launch a new pilot with Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization, over the next three years.

Every dollar Boys & Girls Clubs save on utility costs can serve additional children. What food banks save on utility costs can help feed hungry families. Ultimately, the NEWE initiative will strengthen nonprofit organizations by delivering a path to lessen the environmental impact of their facilities while also redirecting revenue to serve community needs.

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Southface is the Southeast's nonprofit leader in the promotion of sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. Learn more at www.southface.org.

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