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Roadside Marker Dedication Ceremony for the former Beulah Rosenwald School at Skinquarter, Chesterfield County VA

Chesterfield, VA, April 1, 2022 -- The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia, (CHSV), in cooperation with Beulah Baptist Church and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will dedicate a roadside marker in recognition of the former Beulah Rosenwald School at Skinquarter. The ceremony will take place on the grounds of Beulah Baptist Church at noon on Saturday, April 16. The church is located at 21209 Hull Street Road.

This Beulah school was one of six Rosenwald schools built in Chesterfield County between 1917 and 1927. These schools were financed by contributions from the black community, the county and the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This fund helped build more than 5,000 school buildings for black children in the South between 1912 and 1932. The Beulah Rosenwald School was built around 1920 and served students in grades 1-7 until it closed in 1948. The school site retains the chimney and foundation blocks from the original building. These ruins are the last physical evidence of Rosenwald Schools in the county and have been preserved through the cooperative efforts of Beulah Baptist Church, the Chesterfield Historical Society of VA, the County's Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Department of Emergency Communications as well as Motorola Solutions,

On April 26, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved construction of a communications tower on the site with the condition that "The tower shall be located so as not to disturb the visible chimney and concrete pillars of the historic school. Prior to use of the tower, the applicant will work with the appropriate local and state officials to erect a Virginia Historic Highway Marker to commemorate the property as the historic site of the Beulah Rosenwald School at Skinquarter."

Parking is available at Beulah Baptist Church located at 21209 Hull Street Road. For more information, contact Bernard Anderson, (703) 851-2989 or visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com.

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