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SECU Foundation Provides Funding for new SAFE Shelter in Carteret County

Raleigh, N.C. – SECU Foundation announced its support this week for a housing and human services initiative in Carteret County – SAFE, a Shelter and Family Empowerment facility that benefits victims and families of domestic violence. During a special event held in Morehead City, SECU Foundation Board Chair Cynthia Jolly delivered the announcement and presented a \$365,000 ceremonial grant check to Carteret County Domestic Violence Program (CCDVP) to help fund the construction of a new 5,000 square foot shelter.



Morgan Long, CCDVP Board Chair (third from left) and Glenda Riggs, CCDVP Executive Director (second from right) accept ceremonial check from Jama Campbell, SECU Foundation Executive Director (middle) and Cynthia Jolly, SECU Foundation Board Chair (third from right), among other project supporters.

The primary focus of CCDVP is to provide victims of domestic abuse, neglect, or violence with safe shelter and emergency services. In 2017, over 1,900 services were provided to adults and children free of charge, including shelter and emergency assistance, crisis intervention, food and clothing, transportation, counseling, and court advocacy. The Foundation’s grant will help CCDVP near the completion of its capital campaign efforts, enabling the non-profit to help meet the County’s steady increase in domestic violence needs.

“SECU members are honored to be part of helping Carteret County Domestic Violence Program continue their good works in the community,” said Ms. Jolly. “CCDVP is a strong, well-established organization that has been providing emergency shelter services for 28 years. The Foundation’s grant supports the Program’s efforts for a new facility, increasing their capacity to provide victims with a safe, temporary place to live and the supportive services needed to help them heal and overcome the devastating effects of domestic violence.”

“We are so grateful to SECU Foundation – they heard our plea and responded with great generosity to our request,” remarked Glenda Riggs, Executive Director of CCDVP. “As a result, we are now ready to begin construction on the new SAFE house that will be handicap accessible and provide more efficient security to ensure client safety. Thank you so much to SECU members who fund the Foundation for their support and dedication to our community.”

About SECU and the SECU Foundation

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nearly 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Member Services via phone and a website, www.ncsecu.org. The SECU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization funded by the contributions of SECU members, promotes local community development in North Carolina primarily through high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services. Since 2004, SECU Foundation has made a collective financial commitment of more than \$154 million for initiatives to benefit North Carolinians statewide.