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SECU Autism Clinic at ABC of NC in Winston-Salem Celebrates Grand Opening!

Raleigh, N.C. – Wednesday was a day of celebration for the SECU Autism Clinic at ABC of NC, as their grand opening drew a crowd of supporters to the Winston-Salem event. The new clinic for children and young adults diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder is the first of its kind in North Carolina. It was developed in partnership with ABC of NC and other organizations, including the SECU Foundation, which provided a \$1.5 million grant in 2017 to boost the capital campaign efforts for the construction of the facility.



L to R: Richard and Felice Brenner-Founders, ABC of NC; Jama Campbell-Executive Director, SECU Foundation; John Burress-Board member, ABC of NC Child Development Center; Michael Clements-former Board member, SECU Foundation.

SECU Foundation's Executive Director Jama Campbell spoke to the large group of attendees about the support from SECU members for the initiative, saying, "ABC's strong commitment to providing North Carolinians with greater access to such unique and comprehensive autism services brings even more hope for families that their children will reach their full potential. The member-funded SECU Foundation shares in this commitment. We take great pride in helping ABC of NC further their mission through our grant for this facility, which will expand the reach and fill the growing needs for autism services in northwestern North Carolina and other regions."



*Cynthia Jolly
SECU Foundation
Board Chair*

"ABC of NC provides North Carolinians with an exceptional model of autism care like no other in our state," said Cynthia Jolly, SECU Foundation Board Chair. "The need for this care continues to grow and it's very clear how important and effective their diagnostic, therapeutic, and educational services are for the children and families being served."

"SECU Foundation has allowed ABC of NC to build this beautiful and innovative new facility that gives us space to evolve and stay on the cutting edge of research," remarked Felice Brenner, Founder of ABC of NC. "It is so important that SECU members know how much our children and families appreciate what they've done for us. They have helped us offer a lifetime of hope for people diagnosed with autism, and we're extremely grateful for their support."

About SECU and the SECU Foundation

A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 81 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education

planning, tax preparation, insurance, trust and estate planning services, and investments through its partners and affiliated entities. SECU serves over 2.3 million members through 264 branch offices, 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.