



Carolinas Credit Union Foundation announces gifts for disaster relief

KERNERSVILLE, NC – As communities in the Carolinas continue with Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts, the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation recently presented a donation of \$20,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund at North Carolina Community Foundation and \$20,000 to the One SC Relief Fund, housed at the Central Carolina Community Foundation. According to Lauren Whaley, Credit Union Foundation president, this follows an already \$50,000 disbursed in the form of quick impact grants directly to credit union members who lost their homes and personal possessions.

“The credit union industry, both in the Carolinas and nationwide, answered the request for donations to assist those impacted by Hurricane Matthew. We worked directly with credit union locations in the Carolinas to assist those members in the most need,” Whaley noted. “Because of the overwhelming generosity, we are proud to provide an additional \$20,000 to both the North Carolina Community Foundation and the Central Carolina Community Foundation to assist non-profits with ongoing relief efforts.”

The donations are for the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund and the One SC Fund, which will support their respective grant programs for non-profit organizations that are helping Carolinians with Hurricane Matthew recovery. The One SC Fund has provided \$1,045,500 directly to communities and homeowners to help get South Carolinians back into safe and secure homes following Hurricane Matthew. NCCF’s Disaster Relief Fund has received record donations of more than \$720,000 since Hurricane Matthew and more than \$300,000 has already been allocated for distribution to 20 NCCF affiliates serving eastern North Carolina’s hardest hit counties.

NCCF CEO and President Jennifer Tolle Whiteside said she was honored to accept the gift. “The Carolina Credit Union Foundation’s generosity and recognition of the ongoing

recovery efforts are a strong testament to the financial services sector's spirit of stewardship and philanthropy in our shared market area," she said.

"The generosity of the Carolina Credit Union Foundation will help many South Carolinians rebuild and recover after the recent disasters." says President and CEO JoAnn Turnquist, of Central Carolina Community Foundation. "We're grateful for their support."

About the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation

The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation was incorporated in 1993 as a charitable organization dedicated to the embodiment of the "people helping people" philosophy of credit unions. Its mission is to enrich the lives of children in the Carolinas. With the support of the credit union industry in the Carolinas, the Foundation manages local, large-scale projects with children's hospitals and non-profits, most notably with Victory Junction. The Foundation is currently partnering with Victory Junction to power its new outreach program called Reach, bringing specialized camp-style programming to children and families year-round at hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses in the Carolinas. It also serves as a partner in philanthropy with credit unions, assisting charitable giving through donor-advised funds, managing scholarship programs, supporting small credit unions with professional development grants, and aiding disaster relief for the local, national, and global credit union communities. For more information visit www.carolinasfoundation.org.

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Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, CEO and President of the North Carolina Community Foundation, front left, joined by Lauren Whaley, front right, President of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation with several Board members. From back left, Brian Sponaugle, Greenville Federal Credit Union, Foundation Board Chairman; Mark Caverly, Local Government Federal Credit Union, Foundation Board Vice-Chairman; Willard Ross, Coastal Federal Credit Union; John Radebaugh, Carolinas Credit Union League, Mark Curran, Lion's Share Federal Credit Union; John Slack, CUNA Mutual Group.



Lauren Whaley, front left, President of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation, joined by Kevin Patten, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Heather Sherwin, Vice President for Advancement, both for the Central Carolina Community Foundation.