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## **Greer State Bank Foundation Makes First Donation at Greer Relief Gala**

**(March 24, 2015 - Greer, SC)** The Greer State Bank Foundation recently presented a \$2,500 check to Greer Relief during their annual gala. Greer State Bank has been a supporter of Greer Relief for numerous years; yet, this was the first donation made from their recently formed Foundation funded solely by bank employees and their Board of Directors. This recent donation from the Foundation will benefit Greer Relief's "Manage the Crisis" that helps provide the equivalent of case management and referrals to 180+ households.

"When first hearing about our new Foundation, it was great to know our bank not only supported local non-profits, but also valued where our personal contributions were distributed," says Mindi Calvert, Commercial Loan Processor for Greer State Bank. "It's a good feeling to know you work for an organization that puts their people and community first. What an honor it was to be part of this event and see our dollars at work."

Overall, Greer Relief received \$20,700 in donations and \$20,000 in-kind donations and discounts for their silent auction, door prizes, chip prizes, vendor discounts and board contributions.

The Greer State Bank Foundation Board is currently accepting applications from local charitable organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Applications are available on the bank's website: [www.GreerStateBank.com](http://www.GreerStateBank.com). For additional questions, please contact Melody Owens, Public Relations Manager at (864) 801-3000 or by email: [mowens@greerstatebank.com](mailto:mowens@greerstatebank.com).

Those in attendance and pictured at the check presentation from left to right are Kevin Duncan, Pam Batman, Mindi Calvert, April Staggs, Caroline Robertson (Greer Relief Executive Director) and Tim Lincolnhol. (Photographer: Rebecca T. Ogden)

Now in its twenty-seventh year of operations, **Greer State Bank** serves the greater Greer community with three branch offices, a fourth branch office in the Taylors community and a mortgage/business lending office in Clemson. Greer Bancshares Incorporated trades in the over the counter market and is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol GRBS. Greer State Bank is FDIC Insured and an Equal Housing Lender.

**Greer Relief and Resources Agency** was founded in 1936 and is the oldest 501(c)3 non-profit in Greer. Greer Relief assists working poor and fixed income neighbors by providing services to prevent starvation, homelessness in the Greater Greer area. For more information check us out online at [greerrelief.org](http://greerrelief.org), call us at (864) 848-5355 or come by the J. Verne Smith Center, 202 Victoria Street Greer.



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