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## **CCCS of Savannah Receives SunTrust Foundation's 2018 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 Grant**

Savannah, October 22, 2018 – Recognized for its philanthropic contributions to Savannah, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Savannah (CCCS) was awarded a 2018 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 grant by the SunTrust Foundation.

The SunTrust Foundation's Lighting the Way Awards recognizes select nonprofit organizations that strengthen their local communities through programs that help people better their circumstances and gain financial confidence.

"We're committed to building stronger communities, and our nonprofit partners are addressing community needs in innovative and very meaningful ways," said Stan Little, president of the SunTrust Foundation. "CCCS is improving the lives of many people, and we applaud their mission, long-term service and the impact they're making where it's most needed."

CCCS is one of 36 nonprofits recognized by the 2018 Lighting the Way Awards in the categories of financial education, financial counseling, small business and entrepreneurship, and career readiness and workforce development. These organizations spanned the Southeast and Midwest regions and received a total of \$2.7 million in grants.

"It is a great honor and privilege to be one of thirty-six organizations recognized for the prestigious 'Lighting the Way' Award. It clearly validates the hard work and progress that is being made in the communities CCCS serves through its financial counseling programs. This strategic investment made by the SunTrust Foundation will strengthen and support CCCS' continued efforts to improve the economic well-being of all of our citizens," said John Wills, president of CCCS.

Established in 2008, the SunTrust Foundation is committed to supporting a wide range of financial well-being efforts through grants and partnerships with local philanthropic organizations. To date, the SunTrust Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grants to organizations across the United States.

### **About CCCS**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Savannah Area, Inc. (CCCS) is a local nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization governed by a community board of volunteers and established in 1965 to provide families with money management solutions. CCCS provides counseling and educational services that reach over thousands of individuals and families every year. CCCS is a United Way member agency, a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), and a HUD-approved housing agency. Our nationally certified counselors are experts in budget, credit, debt and housing counseling. CCCS aims to provide the best non-profit community service, dedicated to delivering professional and confidential counseling, debt management, housing counseling and consumer credit education to all segments of the community regardless of ability to pay.

### **About the SunTrust Foundation**

The SunTrust Foundation is dedicated to SunTrust Bank's purpose of Lighting the Way to Financial Well-Being by engaging organizations to advance financial confidence. Grants and activities focus primarily on financial empowerment, but also include education, health and human services, civic improvement and cultural growth. The SunTrust Foundation supports American Red Cross disaster relief efforts and contributes as a United Way Global Corporate Leader. Established in 2008, the SunTrust Foundation has proudly provided grants totaling more than \$140 million throughout the United States.

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