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The Heritage Community Foundation Presents a \$2,950 Grant Award to the Hands of Hope Clinic

Jonesboro, Ga. (June 19, 2019) – The Heritage Community Foundation presented a \$2,950 check to Elizabeth “BJ” Mathis, Executive Director of the Hands of Hope Clinic in Henry County on May 17th at the Heritage Bank branch in Stockbridge, Georgia. The grant award will fund medical equipment for the organization’s cardiology and hypertension program services.

“We are pleased and proud to continue our support for the Hands of Hope Clinic,” said Mark Dose, Executive Director of the Heritage Community Foundation. “There is an ongoing need to improve access to quality healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured population in our area. The Hands of Hope Clinic serves these patients by providing quality healthcare services at no cost. We are truly grateful for the important work they accomplish and are excited to partner with them.”

The grant funds will be used to purchase a new EKG machine along with an electronic blood pressure monitoring device for the non-profit clinic patients. The focus is to improve outcomes for patients with cardiology issues as well as help those struggling with hypertension to keep their blood pressure under control.

The Heritage Community Foundation began its work in 2015 as an initiative of Heritage Bank employees with a mission of supporting and reinforcing the good work being done by non-profit groups in the Bank’s service area. Since beginning its work in January of 2015 the Foundation has provided nearly \$585,000 in grants to more than 150 non-profit groups and agencies in Henry, Clayton and Fayette Counties.

“The generosity of Heritage Bank’s 125 or so employees is amazing,” said Kerry Arnold, Henry County President of Heritage Bank and a member of the Heritage Community Foundation Board of Directors. “Our employees will donate over \$40,000 to the Foundation this year. Also Heritage Bank absorbs all of the operating costs of the Foundation, so 100 percent of the funds donated go directly to meet community needs in the form of grant awards. Not many non-profit groups have the benefit of zero operating costs. We do, thanks to the support from Heritage Bank.”

In 2018, the Heritage Community Foundation provided over \$166,000 in grant funds to 54 non-profit groups in Clayton, Henry and Fayette Counties. The Foundation was developed by bank employees to support Heritage Bank’s first mission, “Committed to those we serve.”

The Foundation raises funds through an annual golf tournament in the spring and a clay shoot event in the fall. There are also a number of generous individuals in the area that donate to the Foundation.

In addition to the support from Heritage Bank, a number of other local businesses support the Heritage Community Foundation as IMPACT Partners. These businesses include Harding Plumbing, Brent Scarbrough & Co., C & C Fence Co., Active Pest Control, Fulton & Kozak, CPAs, The Burke Group, Foster, Foster & Smith Attorneys, Heritage Cadillac, Paragon Alarm Systems, Central Station Monitoring, Lincoln Insurance, Chitwood Hauling, Eagle Excavation, Lincoln Insurance, Life and Money Matters, Laura Crumbley, CPA, Griffin Insurance and Sutherland Foodservice.

Heritage Bank, a state chartered commercial bank, has been serving metro Atlanta’s Southern Crescent since 1955. The independent community bank has six full-service offices, features a well-rounded offering of commercial and consumer products, and is an active, involved member of the community it serves. The company’s stock is traded under the symbol “CCFH”.

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The employees of Heritage Bank presented a \$2,950 grant from the Heritage Community Foundation to The Hands of Hope Clinic in Henry County to purchase a new EKG machine