Communities In Schools of Georgia Receives SunTrust Foundation’s 2019 Lighting the Way Award and $75,000 Grant

ATLANTA, August 27, 2019—Recognized for its generous contributions to Georgia, Communities In Schools of Georgia (CIS Georgia) was awarded a 2019 Lighting the Way Award and $75,000 grant by the SunTrust Foundation.

The SunTrust Foundation’s Lighting the Way Awards recognize select nonprofit organizations that work to build self-sufficient families and more financially confident communities through financial education, financial counseling, career readiness/workforce development and small business/entrepreneurship.

“The SunTrust Foundation is proud to recognize and support our local nonprofit partners that empower and strengthen the communities they serve,” said Stan Little, president of the SunTrust Foundation. “CIS Georgia is making a meaningful impact with their programs to improve the financial well-being of the people who need it most.”

CIS Georgia is one of 36 nonprofits across the Southeast and Midwest -- and one of eight recipients in Georgia -- presented with a 2019 Lighting the Way Award from the SunTrust Foundation, which gave a total of $2.7 million in grants to these nonprofits.

“We are extremely honored to be chosen to receive this generous grant from the SunTrust Foundation,” said Carol Lewis, President and CEO of CIS Georgia. “This grant will allow us to continue our efforts to teach financial literacy to students across the state through our RealityU program. It’s critical that Georgia’s children understand the principles of money management,
and thanks to the SunTrust Foundation, we will be able to provide thousands of additional students with the opportunity to learn and practice personal finance skills.”

About CIS Georgia
Communities In Schools (CIS) of Georgia is the state's leading organization in providing student support services and dropout prevention. CIS is dedicated to empowering at-risk students to stay in school and on a path to a brighter future. Working directly inside more than 244 schools and 4 community sites across the state, we connect kids to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed. We do whatever it takes to ensure that all kids—regardless of the challenges they may face—have what they need to realize their potential.

About SunTrust Foundation
The SunTrust Foundation is committed to SunTrust Bank’s (NYSE: STI) purpose of Lighting the Way to Financial Well-Being by engaging with local and national organizations to advance financial confidence. Grants and activities focus primarily on financial education, financial counseling, career readiness and small business/entrepreneurship, in addition to local community grants. 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 $170 million throughout the United States.

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