Durham Library Foundation Receives SunTrust Foundation’s 2019 Lighting the Way Award and $75,000 Grant

Durham, NC – Recognized for its generous contributions to the city of Durham, the Durham Library Foundation 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 and counseling, career readiness, workforce development and entrepreneurship for small business.

“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. “Durham Library Foundation is making a meaningful impact with their programs to improve the financial well-being of the people who need it most.”

The Durham Library Foundation is one of 36 nonprofits across the Southeast and Midwest 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.

The $75,000 grant awarded to the Durham Library Foundation will support the Incubator Program at Durham County’s renovated Main Library. The Incubator Program strives to provide innovative technology and resources to entrepreneurs in the development of their small businesses, especially underserved, under-represented groups in the business world. “In order to expand the library’s presence in the rapidly growing entrepreneurial ecosystem here in Durham, we need to make sure that we are consistently evolving our practice and engaging our customers in innovative ways,” said Leander Croker, Adult Services Librarian and Project Manager of the Incubator Program.
About Durham County Library
Durham County Library encourages discovery, connects the community, and leads in literacy. With locations across Durham County, ample digital resources, and dynamic outreach and mobile resources including a bookmobile and tech mobile, the library serves the diverse needs of Durham County residents. The library’s vision is inspiring lives, transforming Durham. For more information about the library, visit DurhamCountyLibrary.org.

About Durham Library Foundation
The Durham Library Foundation is on a mission to expand resources for all libraries in the Durham County Library system. The Foundation supports library facilities, services and programs in order to help develop and sustain a world-class library system. The Durham Library Foundation provides annual grants, raises funds for capital projects, and helps to ensure the library’s future successes through endowment funds.

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.