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**Samaritan Colony Receives Grant from SECU Foundation for New Women's Recovery Center**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A \$1 million SECU Foundation grant awarded to Samaritan Colony has given the non-profit the ability to move forward with the construction of a 14-bed residential substance abuse facility for women at its Rockingham campus. The addition of the new SECU Women's Recovery Center will be the first facility within a 100-mile radius dedicated to providing treatment and recovery services to underserved women struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. SECU Foundation provided Samaritan Colony with a \$40,000 capacity building grant in 2019 to help the non-profit address organizational growth and sustainability for the expansion of services.

Tyrone Tyler, SECU Regional Senior Vice President, commented “Samaritan Colony has been providing addiction treatment programs and quality care for men in the Sandhills region for nearly 50 years. Opening a women's treatment facility has been another big goal for them. We are delighted to help the non-profit address the critical needs of underserved women with SECU Foundation's grant for the SECU Women's Recovery Center.”

“This is a great day for Samaritan Colony,” remarked Harold Pearson, Samaritan Colony Executive Director. “On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I would like to offer our deepest gratitude to the SECU Foundation and the members of State Employees' Credit Union.”

“Without this gift, we wouldn't be able to move forward – it is allowing us to make this a reality,” said Constance Pearson, Samaritan Colony Program Director.



Tyrone Tyler, SECU Regional Senior Vice President (left), presents ceremonial check to Harold Pearson, Samaritan Colony Executive Director.

**About SECU and the SECU Foundation**

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