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**ESR Receives SunTrust Foundation's  
2018 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 Grant**

WINSTON-SALEM - Recognized for its philanthropic contributions to Forsyth County, Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) 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. "Experiment in Self-Reliance 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."

"Financial education for the entire family is creating a connective impact for the growth and development of the family long-term," said Twana W. Roebuck, Executive Director at ESR. "Our goal as an agency is to aid in reducing the effects of generational poverty. We are so grateful for

the award and gift through SunTrust Foundation. Through the use of the donation, we will expand our Economic Literacy program to become a certified program and add a curriculum for children. Currently, our financial literacy educational program has aided nearly 600 local residents to have a home, and through their educational awareness, they have kept their homes and continue to maintain and build their assets. This award acknowledges the tremendous work started decades ago, and we continue to build on the legacy of asset and wealth building strategies.”

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.

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### **About ESR**

ESR is a non-profit Community Action Agency that focuses on empowering people with low-moderate income to become self-reliant. Programs help provide housing, teach clients to save, budget, and improve credit scores, provide assistance for education, help clients become first-time homeowners and small business owners, as well as provide free tax preparation. All clients must be working.

### **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.