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Hope for the Warriors Receives \$15,000 Credit Union Foundation Grant

The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation (CCUF) is pleased to announce it is awarding a \$15,000 Micro Community Grant to Hope for the Warriors. The funds will be allocated to the Warrior's Wish Program to fulfill grant wishes to severely injured service members in an effort to restore hope in the eyes of a hero and to have experiences above and beyond their immediate needs.

Hope for the Warriors enhances the quality of life for US Service Members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries and death in the line of duty. Hope for the Warriors actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet, particularly with regard to the short and long term care of the severely injured.

"We are so very grateful for the sacrifices our soldiers make to protect our country," noted CCUF President/CEO John Slack. "With so many military members and families located in southeast NC, the sacrifices made by the few to protect the many are keenly felt here. This grant is just a small representation of the deep appreciation credit union staff and members feel for the service, dedication and sacrifice made by these brave men and women."

Micro Community Grants allow credit unions in North Carolina and South Carolina to partner with local non profit agencies to bring community benefit. The Hope for the Warriors grant proposal was put together with the help and cooperation of the Southeast Chapter of Credit Unions and Marine Federal Credit Union.

Since it began in late 2005, the Micro Community Grants program has awarded more than \$700,000 to agencies throughout the Carolinas. "Credit unions care about the communities in which they operate," said Slack, "and the Micro Community Grants program is one way credit unions can work cooperatively to bring benefit to agencies like the Hope for the Warriors."

**Check Presentation Details: Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 6:30 PM
Southeast Chapter of Credit Unions Meeting**

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