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FIRST UNITED SECURITY BANK IS NEW HOME TO THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER

THOMASVILLE, AL – Assisting women to start and grow successful small businesses is something First United Security Bank values along with its new partner, The Women's Business Center, Inc. An open house was held at FUSB's Jackson Downtown location on Commerce Street recently to kick off the partnership.

The mission of the Women's Business Center, Inc., is the economic empowerment of women by assisting them in business by providing a hub for services and counseling. Sylvia Browder, Project Director for the WBC Bizmobile Project, will be at the Commerce Street location of FUSB the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, from 10:00- 3:00 PM to meet with small business owners. She offers services for both men and women to coach, consult, and train the small business owner or entrepreneur, while also providing assistance with understanding the business loan package. Sylvia will meet by appointment or walk-in. "We are thrilled to partner with FUSB and appreciate their generosity. This partnership will allow me to provide business counseling and trainings to the citizens of Jackson", said Ms. Browder.

According to Mel Ann Sullivan, community development officer for First United Security Bank, partnerships are what help grow and support communities. "We want to foster vitality and economic growth in the communities we serve," Sullivan said. "This is one way we can do just that, so we hope to refer clients to the Women's Business Center on a regular basis."

The Women's Business Center, Inc., a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization founded in 1993. Their organization currently serves seven counties in South Western Alabama: Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Monroe, Washington, Conecuh and Escambia. Their core business is starting and growing strong local small businesses. They are funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Established in 1952, First United Security Bank serves its customers through its 19 offices in Brent, Butler, Calera, Centreville, Coffeerville, Columbiana, Fulton, Gilbertown, Grove Hill, Harpersville, Jackson, McCalla, Thomasville, Tuscaloosa and Woodstock. The Bank holds more than \$570 million in assets, is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, contact us at the Bank's website, www.firstusbank.com, blog address, <http://firstusbank-usbi.blogspot.com/>, or by mail to First United Security Bank, P.O. Box 249, Thomasville, AL 36784.