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Community First Bank is proudly announcing the opening of our office in Franklin, North Carolina on Wednesday February 22, 2023. From our earliest opening in the Upstate of South Carolina over thirty-two years ago, Community First Bank has committed itself to being an integral part of the communities we serve.

Today we celebrated this event with the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce staff and Chamber Board members, customers, and bank staff in attendance.

At Community First Bank our motto is “We Know What Matters” and this something we live by when managing the business dealings of our customers. This is also on display with the hiring of an outstanding local team of professional Community Bankers including, Senior Vice President and Commercial Team Leader for Western NC and East Tennessee, Joshua Brant, Branch Manager Heather McDonald and Senior Customer Specialist, Betty Jo Tilson.

Our team of Community Bankers will provide the Franklin and surrounding areas of Western North Carolina with competitive deposit, mortgage, and small business products.

President and CEO, Richard D. Burleson stated “Its an honor and a privilege to become a part of the Franklin Community. We look forward to earning the trust and business of the community and to being good stewards of this amazing community. We believe our brand of Community Banking will be well received in this community. At Community First Bank we are committed to exemplary customer service in every community we serve, and we offer competitive loan and deposit rates. Additionally, Community First has an excellent product offering for small business and commercial customers.

Community First Bank now has twelve full-service financial centers in North, South Carolina, and Tennessee, with two offices in Seneca, SC and single locations in Anderson, Greenville, Williamston, Walhalla and Westminster, South Carolina, Dallas, Charlotte, and Franklin, North Carolina, and Elizabethton and Johnson City, Tennessee.