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CAPSTONE BANK EXPANDS PRESENCE IN CARY

Opening of full-service office continues CapStone's recent growth in Wake County and beyond.

RALEIGH, NC, February 7, 2013 — CapStone Bank opened a full-service office in Cary this week, according to Robert E. Branch, executive vice president and chief banking officer, expanding on the base established by a loan production office the bank operated in Cary. The nearly 3,200 square-foot office is at 2000 Regency Parkway, Suite 150.

"Cary is a key part of the Wake County market, known for the number of individuals and businesses that choose to call it home," Branch shared. "We've been welcomed by the community as we have served there from a loan production office, and anticipate a good reception as we take the important step of opening a full-service office."

"Our Cary team is in place, with Eddie Campbell as senior vice president and city executive, Patsy Johnson as senior vice president and relationship manager, Jeannie Hulmes as vice president and branch manager, and Cindy Smith as vice president and mortgage manager/lender. They are already doing a great job of serving the Cary and western Wake County market, and this office gives them a place through which to expand customer deposit and loan relationships."

City Executive Eddie Campbell, a 21-year banking industry veteran, is a graduate of North Carolina State University. He supports Meals on Wheels of Wake County, serving as a volunteer, board member and treasurer; and, serves the Rex Hospital Corporate Council as a board member.

"We've developed a good customer base in Cary," Campbell said. "The new office will add convenience for these customers and allow us to more fully-bank them. We are excited about the location of this office and the opportunities it will bring to expand our presence in Cary."

With more than 25 years of industry experience, Johnson joins CapStone's Cary staff following the bank's merger with Patriot State Bank ("Patriot"), where she led the bank's Cary operations for the past 5 years. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a graduate degree from North Carolina State University. Her community involvement includes serving the Cary Community Foundation, Cary Visual Arts, 1st United Methodist Church, the Wake Board of Realtors, Cary YMCA, the Cary Chamber of Commerce, Cary Women's Foundations, and the Triangle Mortgage Lenders Association.

Hulmes will oversee the daily operations of the Cary branch. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, her banking career spans 18 years. She is a board member for the Miss Garner Scholarship Pageant and teaches *Economics for Success* as a Junior Achievement Volunteer.

Rounding out the management team, Cindy Smith will provide leadership for the mortgage area. With an undergraduate degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC and an MBA from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC, Cindy brings a high level of knowledge and expertise, as well as mortgage lending experience, to the role.

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CapStone is headquartered in Raleigh, NC and has served businesses and individuals in Wake County through an office on Falls of Neuse. The Cary office is the bank's second full-service location. On January 31, 2013, Patriot, with branches in Clinton and Fuquay-Varina, merged with CapStone Bank.

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About CapStone Bank:

Headquartered in Raleigh, NC and serving the Wake County and Triangle market, CapStone Bank provides a full range of commercial and retail banking services with a special focus on serving the deposit and lending needs of small-to-mid-sized businesses, operating companies, and professionals. In addition to its business relationships, CapStone offers comprehensive personal banking products and services to effectively serve individual customers and as an enhancement to its commercial relationships services. CapStone's philosophy is quite simple – to provide an unprecedented level of "high-touch" service delivered by a local team of experienced, knowledgeable bankers, backed by competitive technology. For more information, visit www.CapStoneBank.com.