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## American City Bank and Clayton Foundation Receive Benefactor Awards from TCRD

American City Bank and the Clayton Family Foundation were honored as recipients of Benefactor Awards during the Tennessee Council for Resource Development (TCRD) fall conference at Columbia State Community College.

The TCRD Benefactor Awards Program recognizes outstanding contributions to community colleges, according to Motlow College president MaryLou Apple. The bank and foundation were nominated for the awards for their many contributions to Motlow College.

“American City Bank and Motlow College have enjoyed a positive and growing partnership since the early 1980s,” Delene Stone, Motlow director of development and alumni affairs, said. “The bank’s contributions include involvement in most facets of fundraising for the institution.”

According to Stone, the late George Vibbert, Jr., the bank’s first president, began American City Bank’s legacy of giving to the college. During Vibbert’s tenure, the conference room in the Ingram Administration Building and a classroom in the Marcum Technology Center were named for the bank.

After American City was purchased by Clayton Bancorp in 2004, Jim Clayton, the bank’s majority stockholder, continued the institution’s financial support of Motlow. The following year, the Clayton Digital Media Lab in the Marcum Technology Center was dedicated in recognition of a gift to the foundation from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clayton, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Glass, and American City Bank. In December of last year, the Clayton Foundation, the Glasses, and the bank also donated furniture for a nursing student study lounge, which is housed in the Marcum Technology Center.

“In addition to its support of fundraising, the bank has contributed more than \$90,000 to the college,” Stone said. “Also, priceless service has been given to the college by Motlow College Foundation trustees, who include the late Mr. Vibbert; Dr. A. Frank Glass, Motlow president emeritus and chairman of the bank’s board; Troy Martin, Jr., the bank’s president; and Dr. Art Walker, immediate past president of Motlow and member of the American City board.

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## **American City, Clayton Foundation Honored**

Troy Martin, president and CEO of American City Bank, and Elwanda Vibbert, center, accepted the Tennessee Council for Resource Development's Benefactor's Award on behalf of American City Bank and the Clayton Family Foundation during the council's fall conference. Mrs. Vibbert is the wife of the late George Vibbert, Jr., founding president of the bank. Also pictured are Delene Stone, at left, director of development and alumni affairs at Motlow College; and Marcia Everett, vice president for student affairs and institutional advancement at the college.