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**COMMUNITYSOUTH BANK & TRUST OPENS ITS FIFTH BRANCH IN TWO YEARS,  
FULL-SERVICE GREER OFFICE OPENS TODAY**

Upstate, SC -- November 20, 2006 -- One of South Carolina's fastest growing community banks arrived in Greer this morning! CommunitySouth Bank & Trust officially opened its new Greer branch at 530 West Wade Hampton Boulevard today, its fifth full-service office in the Upstate and third to open this year.

"We are very excited about our entry into Greer, one of the Upstate's fastest growing communities," said C. Allan Ducker, III, Chief Executive Officer of CommunitySouth. "Our goal is to be the community bank of choice in the Upstate, and Greer is a key location in that geographic footprint."

While the Bank officially opened its Greer office today, CommunitySouth has had a presence in Greer since the Bank opened in January 2005.

"We already have a number of customers in Greer which have been serviced through our Spartanburg office and our free business courier service," said David A. Miller, President of CommunitySouth. "We look forward to providing these customers and the rest of the community with a state-of-the-art local office focused on their needs."

The new branch will be staffed with experienced, local bankers. The office will be overseen by Greer native Wayne McKinney, Senior Vice President and City Executive for Greer and Spartanburg markets. McKinney, who has more than 26 years of banking experience, has been with CommunitySouth since July 2005. Greer native April Bridwell will serve as Vice President and Branch Manager of the new office, and has over 10 years of banking experience.

"We have great expectations for our Greer office," said McKinney. "We offer many benefits other local banks don't -- nationwide free ATMs, free online banking and bill pay, free checks, extended banking hours, free business courier service, and free freshly baked cookies. But what really sets us apart from the bank down the street is our people. When you come to CommunitySouth, we take care of you -- not just your money."

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The office features two flat screen televisions, a 24-hour ATM, drive-thru, night depository, safe deposit boxes, free business courier service, and the Bank's signature refreshment center with free freshly baked cookies, hot coffee, cold soft drinks and spring water.

The branch is open six days a week with both early morning and late evening hours, including Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information on CommunitySouth Bank & Trust, call 864-306-2540 or visit [www.communitysouthbankandtrust.com](http://www.communitysouthbankandtrust.com).

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CommunitySouth Bancshares, Inc. (OTCBB: CBSO) commenced operations in the Upstate of South Carolina on January 18, 2005. After completing the largest initial public offering ever for a South Carolina-based bank, the Company capitalized with \$30 million and has since grown assets to over \$240 million. In operation for less than two years, CommunitySouth is one of the fastest growing de novo banks in the country, compared to peer banks that also opened during the first quarter of 2005.

CommunitySouth is headquartered in Easley, South Carolina and currently operates full-service offices in Easley, Mauldin, Spartanburg, Anderson and Greer.

CommunitySouth offers a complete line of banking products and services, including commercial, consumer and mortgage loans, personal and business checking and savings accounts, free online banking and bill pay, nationwide free ATMs, free business courier service, remote deposit service, courtesy overdraft coverage, and more.

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