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## **Office of the State President**

Dear Governor Haley,

This is the time of the year when we pause to appreciate the people and events that enrich our lives, reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to the opportunities ahead. For Bank of America, 2015 was a year of focusing on key activities that matter to our clients, communities, and employees.

We're fortunate to be part of a growing, thriving state and we're humbled to be able to contribute to its success. At Bank of America, we partner with entrepreneurs and business owners large and small who fuel our economy, providing them with the tools, resources and capital they need to manage and grow their businesses. We know we can make a direct impact in our local community. That's why our employees partner with organizations striving to make a difference in areas like hunger relief, education, youth services and more. We're proud to be able to contribute through grants, sponsorships and our employees' commitment to volunteering.

Specifically, here are a few accomplishments we're celebrating that have helped our 1,500 teammates in South Carolina contribute this year.

- ~~#####~~ This year Bank of America provided over \$1.6 million in grants and sponsorships to support South Carolina communities.

•~~CCCCCCC~~ This charitable giving includes our foundation's support for healing following the Emanuel AME Church shooting and the historic floods in the Midlands. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation also contributed:

- \$50,000 to the Lowcountry Ministries Reverend Pinckney Fund,
- \$50,000 to the International African American Museum,
- \$150,000 to the United Way, and
- \$100,000 to the American Red Cross to support flood relief efforts.

•~~CCCCCCC~~ Additionally, our employees generously gave over \$400,000 to non-profits which will be matched by our foundation. They also contributed over 11,000 hours of their time to volunteer, and our leaders provided expertise on over 100 non-profit boards.

•~~CCCCCCC~~ Bank of America continues to support the men and women who served our country through housing, wellness and education programs, as well as hiring opportunities. We currently employ nearly 10,000 veterans across our company and will hire more as part of a long-term commitment. We also support military families through our home donation program. This year, we donated 6 mortgage-free homes to deserving military families across the state, which marks over 100 homes donated in South Carolina over the last three years.

•~~CCCCCCC~~ We're proud to support cultural enrichment and other events throughout the state with sponsorships such as Spoleto, Broadway in Columbia, Special Olympics Relay Across America, Columbia Museum of Art, Gibbes Museum of Art and much more.

Like you, we're focused on growing responsibly. We want to provide solutions that are sustainable and make a difference in the lives of the people we touch every day. We are committed to continue working to create better experiences and outcomes for all of our partners in 2016 and beyond. It's my privilege to work with you in making South Carolina an even better place for all of us. Thank you for your relationship with Bank of America and for all you for our state.