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**BALLANTYNE MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS –
CHARLOTTE TO EMPOWER STUDENTS IN SCHOOL AND LIFE**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (December 18, 2018) – In honor of its tenants and customers in Ballantyne, Northwood Office will provide a significant contribution to Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg (CIS-Charlotte) this holiday season. An affiliate of the nation’s leading organization dedicated to keeping kids in school and on a path to a brighter future, CIS-Charlotte currently provides services to more than 6,500 students annually in grades PK-12 in selected Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Ballantyne’s gift will support programming and services across the entire CIS-Charlotte network of schools. Funding will provide support for academic enrichment and mentoring/tutoring resources, leadership and life skills development, college readiness/access and campus tours, and exposure to cultural, career and work-life experiences.

“CIS-Charlotte is making incredible strides in its mission to help all students graduate from high school and prepare for future success,” said Hailey Rorie, community director at Northwood Office. “We understand that when we invest in our youth, our community grows so much stronger.”

Molly Shaw, president & CEO of CIS-Charlotte, shared, “This gift will enable us to provide the kinds of experiences, opportunities and relationships for students that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Our community benefits as well, when students are thriving and their unique potential is being recognized and encouraged. We are most grateful to Northwood’s Ballantyne community for this generous support.”

Since 2013, Ballantyne has chosen a nonprofit organization to support in appreciation of its tenant community instead of a traditional holiday gift.

About Ballantyne

Recognized nationally as one of the most successfully designed and executed mixed-use communities, Ballantyne is a 2,000-acre community in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ballantyne features thousands of apartments, over 1,000 single family homes, nearly 600 hotel rooms, 16 miles of walking trails and bike paths and parks, as well as dozens of restaurants, medical and retail amenities. With a laser-sharp focus on providing the nation’s most desirable work-life balance community, Ballantyne features more than four million square feet of Class A office space and is zoned for six million square feet of office space with additional entitlements in place. Current corporate clients include Wells Fargo, Liberty Mutual, Premier,

TIAA, Synchrony, Sonic Automotive and Siemens, among others. For more information, visit ballantynecorporate.com.

About Northwood Office

Charlotte-based Northwood Office was established by Northwood Investors LLC – a privately held, global real estate investment and management firm – to provide a complete approach to fulfilling office space needs. Offering best-in-class services in commercial development, leasing and property management, Northwood Office is committed to creating and sustaining work environments that inspire by being customer-focused, forward-thinking and engaged in its communities. For more information, visit northwoodoffice.com.

About Communities In Schools - Charlotte

Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg (CIS-Charlotte) is an affiliate of the national Communities In Schools network, the nation's largest organization dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS-Charlotte places full time professionals – our Site Coordinators – in selected CMS schools to connect students to caring adults and community resources that will empower them to be successful inside and outside the classroom. By partnering with individual volunteers, businesses, faith and community groups, CIS is able to provide a broad range of services and opportunities tailored to individual student needs. We do whatever it takes to ensure that *all* kids, regardless of the challenges they may face, have what they need to build on their strengths, realize their potential, and achieve in life. Learn more at cischarlotte.org.

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