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Quick Facts

- The check was presented at the RHEDC's Dec. 3 lunch meeting at the City Club.
- A member of the RHEDC, Comstock talked about the university's great capacity to contribute time, talent and resources to benefit the city, and most of all, the impact of more than 9,000 alumni who come to college at Winthrop and end up settling in Rock Hill.



From left: Greg Rutherford, President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock and Gary Williams

ROCK HILL, S.C. – In a capstone gesture of support for the role Winthrop University plays in the quality of life and economic development of the City of Rock Hill, Greg Rutherford, president of the [Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation](#), presented a check to **Winthrop President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock** as the final \$10,000 installment of a \$100,000 gift to the Winthrop Foundation pledged in 2003. The check was presented at the RHEDC's Dec. 3 lunch meeting at the City Club.

In accepting the check, Comstock thanked the group for its ongoing partnership with the university and its efforts to uplift the region through such vital projects as **Knowledge Park**. "Thank you for this commitment," she

said to Rutherford, who also is president of York Technical College. Also on hand for the presentation was the president of the [Winthrop Foundation Board of Directors](#) and local business leader, Gary Williams.

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The generous gift of the development corporation, which is an arm of the City of Rock Hill, acknowledges the value city leaders place on Winthrop's engaged learning philosophy, community service efforts, and economic contributions.

Managed by the Winthrop Foundation, the endowment will be used to fund an internship to be filled by a Winthrop business student at the RHEDC. The university has a long history of connecting outstanding students with the development corporation for mutual benefit.

City officials said efforts are underway to identify a student to fill this latest internship which will support the work of the Technology Incubator at Knowledge Park.

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