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## NEWS RELEASE

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### MINNESOTA BANKS HONORED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN – January 29, 2019– The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) has recognized 35 Minnesota banks for their community involvement. Banks play a vital role in their communities and to honor and recognize their involvement, the MBA created the **Community Champion** recognition program.

The 35 banks recognized as 2019 Community Champions worked with hundreds of organizations in their communities, providing funding, volunteers, materials, supplies, or food for their neighbors. Recipients of the recognition range in size from small community banks to large banks with multiple branches.

In total, these banks donated over \$3.9 million to their communities and worked with over 500 organizations in the past year. These organizations included the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, Feed My Starving Children, local schools, churches, and non-profits. Over 1,500 employees from these banks dedicated 49,381 hours at a variety of volunteer events or programs in 2018.

MBA President/CEO Joe Witt congratulated the recipients. “As this recognition highlights, Minnesota banks continue to demonstrate an extraordinary level of commitment to the communities they serve,” said Witt. “In addition to providing the capital that helps families and local businesses thrive, the banking industry’s record of supporting local programs is second to none. The MBA is pleased to recognize these 35 banks for their commitment to making a real difference in their local communities.”

The MBA 2019 Community Champion recipients are:

**American Bank of the North**  
*Nashwauk, Grand Rapids, Hibbing,  
Chisholm, Mt. Iron, Biwabik. Cook,  
Orr*

**Americana Community Bank**  
*Maple Grove, Sleepy Eye, Chanhassen*

**Bank of Zumbrota**  
*Zumbrota*

**BankCherokee**  
*St. Paul*

**BANKWEST**  
*Rockford, Hanover, Buffalo*

**Center National Bank**  
*Litchfield, Plymouth*

**Citizens Bank & Trust Co.**  
*Hutchinson*

**Citizens Bank Minnesota**  
*New Ulm, Lafayette, La Salle,  
Lakeville*

**Citizens Independent Bank**  
*St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Plymouth,  
Robbinsdale*

**Community Bank**  
*Mankato*

**Community Resource Bank**  
*Northfield, Cannon Falls, Roseville*

**Eagle Bank**  
*Glenwood, Villard, Elbow Lake,  
Wendell, Starbuck*

**F&M Savings Bank**  
*Vadnais Heights, Lino Lakes*

**First Farmers & Merchants Bank**  
*Cannon Falls, Red Wing, White Rock,  
Goodhue, Le Sueur, Bellechester*

**First Farmers & Merchants  
National Bank**  
*Luverne & Pipestone*

**The First National Bank of Fairfax**  
*Fairfax*

**First National Bank of Milaca**  
*Milaca, Isle, Gilman*

**First National Bank of Osakis**  
*Osakis*

**First Security Bank**  
*Byron*

**Flagship Bank Minnesota**  
*Eden Prairie, Isanti, Minnetonka,  
North Oaks, Ramsey, Wayzata*

**Frandsen Bank & Trust**  
*All Locations*

**Liberty Bank Minnesota**  
*St. Cloud*

**MidCountry Bank**  
*Bloomington*

**National Bank of Commerce**  
*All locations*

**North Shore Bank**  
*Downtown, Hermantown, Lakeside,  
Woodland, Cloquet, Superior, WI*

**Northeast Bank**  
*Minneapolis, Coon Rapids,  
New Brighton*

**Pine Island Bank**  
*Pine Island*

**Pioneer Bank**  
*Mankato, Madelia, Lewisville, Lake  
Crystal, Mapleton, North Mankato,  
St. James*

**Premier Bank Rochester**  
*Rochester*

**Security State Bank of Hibbing**  
*Hibbing*

**The State Bank of Faribault**  
*Faribault*

**United Community Bank**  
*Perham, Dent, Frazee*

**United Farmers State Bank**  
*Adams, Dexter, Rose Creek*

**Village Bank**  
*Blaine, East Bethel, Ramsey,  
Saint Francis*

**WNB Financial**  
*Winona*

The Minnesota Bankers Association is the state's largest trade association devoted exclusively to the representation of commercial banks. The MBA was founded in 1889 and represents 95% of Minnesota's chartered banks. The MBA is proud to support our member banks as they work to ensure vital communities throughout the state. For more information, please visit our website at [www.minnbankers.com](http://www.minnbankers.com).

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