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**PARK STATE BANK HONORED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN – February 19, 2020 – The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) has recognized 40 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.

Park State Bank is one of forty Community Champions that 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 \$3.1 million to their communities and worked with an average of 45 organizations each in the past year. These organizations included the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, United Way, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, Feed My Starving Children, local schools, churches, and non-profits. 2,183 employees from these banks dedicated over 92,500 hours at a variety of volunteer events or programs in 2019.

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 40 banks for their commitment to making a real difference in their local communities.”

The MBA 2020 Community Champion recipients are:

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

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

**BankVista**  
*Chaska, Mankato, Sartell*

**Bridgewater Bank**  
*Bloomington, Downtown Minneapolis, Greenwood, Orono,  
St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Uptown*

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

**Choice Bank**  
*Bloomington, Eagan, Golden Valley, Roseville*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Springfield**  
*Morgan, Springfield*

**Financial Security Bank**  
*Albertville, Kerkhoven*

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

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

**First National Bank Bemidji**  
*Bemidji*

**First National Bank Minnesota**  
*Gaylord, Mankato, St. Peter*

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

**First National Bank of Moose Lake**  
*Moose Lake*

**First Security Bank – Canby**  
*Canby, Lake Benton*

**First Security Bank**  
*Byron*

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

**Janesville State Bank**  
*Janesville*

**Lake City Federal Bank**  
*Lake City*

**Merchants Bank**  
*All locations*

**MidCountry Bank**  
*All locations*

**Midwest Bank**  
*Barnesville, Callaway, Dalton, Detroit Lakes, Parkers Prairie,  
Waubun*

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

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

**Park State Bank**  
*Duluth, Minneapolis*

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

**Premier Bank**  
*Andover, Blaine, Hugo, Maplewood, Osseo, Roseville, White Bear  
Lake, Woodbury*

**Premier Bank**  
*37<sup>th</sup> Street, Downtown Rochester, Green Meadows, North  
Broadway*

**Premier Bank Minnesota**  
*Albertville, Bloomington, Faribault, Farmington, Hastings,  
Monticello, Northfield, Owatonna*

**Roundbank**  
*Farmington, New Prague, Waldorf, Waseca*

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

**Star Bank**  
*Annandale, Barrett, Bertha, Eagle Bend, Eden Prairie, Elbow  
Lake, Graceville, Maple Lake, Verndale, Wheaton*

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

**Village Bank**  
*Blaine, East Bethel, Ramsey, St. Francis*

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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