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**NEWS RELEASE**

FRANSDEN BANK & TRUST HONORED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN – March 1, 2018– The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) has recognized 38 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.

Frandsen Bank & Trust is one of thirty-eight 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 \$2.2 million to over 900 organizations including the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, Minnesota Business Venture, local schools, churches, and non-profits. 1,941 employees from these banks dedicated over 59,000 hours at variety of volunteer events or programs.

MBA President/CEO Joe Witt congratulated the recipients. “This extraordinary level of volunteer participation by Minnesota banks demonstrates their deep 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 38 banks for their commitment to making a real difference in their local communities.”

The MBA 2018 Community Champion recipients are:

Americana Community Bank
Maple Grove, Sleepy Eye, Chanhassen

Anchor Bank,
A Division of Old National Bank
St. Paul

Bank of Zumbrota
Zumbrota

BankCherokee
St. Paul

Center National Bank
Litchfield & Plymouth

Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Hutchinson

Citizens Bank Minnesota

New Ulm

Citizens Independent Bank

St. Louis Park

Community Bank Mankato

Mankato

Community Resource Bank

Northfield

Eagle Bank

Glenwood

F&M Bank

Lino Lakes & Vadnais Heights

Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Springfield

Morgan & Springfield

Financial Security Bank

Albertville

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Pipestone & Luverne

First National Bank of Bemidji

Bemidji

First National Bank of Milaca

Milaca

First National Bank of Osakis

Osakis

First National Bank of Waseca

Waseca

First Security Bank

Byron

First Security Bank-Canby

Canby

The First State Bank of Fountain

Fountain

The State Bank of Faribault

Faribault

Flagship Bank Minnesota

Frandsen Bank & Trust

KleinBank

Chaska

MidCountry Bank

Bloomington

Miners National Bank of Eveleth

Eveleth

Minnwest Bank

Redwood Falls

Neighborhood National Bank

Mora

Northeast Bank

Minneapolis

Pine Island Bank

Pine Island

Pioneer Bank

All Locations

Premier Bank Rochester

Rochester

Security State Bank of Hibbing

Hibbing

United Community Bank

Perham, Dent, Frazee

Venture Bank

Bloomington

Winona National Bank

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.

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