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Contact: Kevin Langin
402-602-3541**First National Bank of Omaha Announces 2017 Community First Awards**
Bank will award \$10,000 and \$2,500 Donations to Nonprofits Across Its Service Area

OMAHA, Neb. July 10, 2017. – First National Bank of Omaha, which also operates as First National Bank Fremont and First National Bank North Platte, has kicked off the *2017 Community First Awards*, announced Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility. This is the second year that First National Bank has presented the *Community First Awards*, which recognize and celebrate nonprofit organizations who contribute to the success of communities across the bank’s service area.

“In order for a community to stay strong and continue to grow, all members must work together for the greater good,” said Gorynski. “The *Community First Awards* celebrate the countless nonprofit organizations who work hard every day to help make our communities successful. At the same time, it is our hope to bring awareness to the needs that exist within the community and inspire others to give back.”

Nominations for the *2017 Community First Awards* are open to the public. From July 7 through July 28, an online nomination form is available for people to nominate a local nonprofit that they believe has made significant contributions to the growth and strength of their community. Nominations will be evaluated based on the nonprofit’s impact on community needs and positive presence in the community. The highest scoring nominations will then be presented for a public vote starting on August 28. There will be one winner and runner-up selected from each of the following areas: Nebraska/South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois and Colorado. The winners will be announced in mid-September when the winning nonprofit in each area will receive a \$10,000 cash donation and the runner-up a \$2,500 donation. For more information and to access the nomination form, visit: www.firstnational.com/community.

For the *2016 Community First Awards*, 425 nonprofit organizations were nominated and more than 22,000 public votes were cast. The Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha was selected as the 2016 winner for the Nebraska/South Dakota region and received a \$10,000 cash donation. The funds were used to partner with community veterinarians in order to provide animals at the Nebraska Humane Society with specialized care such as surgeries, treatment and rehabilitation that they might not have otherwise received.

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The Center in Yankton, South Dakota was selected as the runner-up for the Nebraska/South Dakota region and received a \$2,500 donation.

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