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First National Bank of Omaha Announces Finalists for 2017 Community First Awards
*Public Voting is Currently Underway for \$10,000 and \$2,500 Cash Donations
to Winning Nonprofit Organizations*

OMAHA, Neb. August 28, 2017. – First National Bank of Omaha has announced the Nebraska/South Dakota finalists for the *2017 Community First Awards*, said Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility. The *Community First Awards* recognize and celebrate nonprofit organizations who contribute to the success of communities across the bank’s service area.

Nominations for the *2017 Community First Awards* were open to the public in July for a three-week period. The nominations were then evaluated based on the nonprofit’s impact on community needs and positive presence in the community. The following nonprofit organizations were selected as the finalists for the Nebraska/South Dakota area:

- City Sprouts (Omaha)
- Saving Grace Food Rescue (Omaha)
- Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (Omaha)
- Intercultural Senior Center (Omaha)
- Women’s Center for Advancement (Omaha)
- Youth Emergency Services (Omaha)
- Make-a-Wish-Nebraska (Omaha)
- Literacy Center for the Midlands (Omaha)
- Junior Achievement of Lincoln (Lincoln)
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Scotts Bluff County (North Platte)
- Prairie Arts Center (North Platte)
- Kearney Jubilee Center (Kearney)
- Care Corp Family Services (Fremont)
- Heartland Humane Society (Yankton, SD)
- Yankton Sack Pack Program (Yankton, SD)

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The public is invited to vote between August 28 and September 8 via <http://woobox.com/726ep9> for the organization they believe has made a significant contribution to the growth and strength of their community. Individuals are allowed one vote per day. The nonprofit organization with the most votes will receive a \$10,000 cash donation and one runner-up will receive a \$2,500 cash donation. There will be one winner and runner-up selected from each of the following areas: Nebraska/South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois and Colorado. First National Bank will announce the winners during the week of September 18.

For First National Bank's *2016 Community First Awards*, the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha was selected as the 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. The Center in Yankton, South Dakota was selected as the runner-up for the Nebraska/South Dakota region and received a \$2,500 donation.

For more information, visit: www.firstnational.com/community.

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