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## **First National Bank of Omaha Announces Winners for 2017 Community First Awards**

OMAHA, Neb. September 18, 2017. – First National Bank of Omaha, which also operates as First National Bank Fremont and First National Bank North Platte, has announced the winners 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.

The Yankton Sack Pack Program was selected as the winner for the Nebraska/South Dakota region and will receive a \$10,000 cash donation. The Yankton Sack Pack Program provides food and nutritional education to help school aged children and their families achieve. They plan to use the funds to help feed more children and families in the Yankton area.

Junior Achievement of Lincoln was selected as the runner-up for the Nebraska/South Dakota region and will receive a \$2,500 cash donation. Junior Achievement of Lincoln empowers young people to own their economic success. They plan to use the funds to provide programs, taught by community role models that inspire the current generation of Nebraska's Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, to be financially capable and equipped to run businesses, lead nations, make discoveries and change the world.

Nominations for the *2017 Community First Awards* were open to the public in July. The nominations were then evaluated based on the nonprofit's impact on community needs and positive presence in the community. The finalists were presented for a public vote between August 28 and September 8. One winner and one runner-up have been selected from each of the following areas: Nebraska/South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois and Colorado. The winning nonprofits in each area will receive a \$10,000 cash donation and the runners-up a \$2,500 cash donation. Overall, a total of 469 nominations were received and more than 33,500 public votes were cast. First National Bank of Omaha will donate a total of \$50,000 to the *Community First Awards* recipients.

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