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402-602-3541**First National Bank Announces 2016 Community First Award***Bank will award \$10,000 and \$2,500 Donations to Nonprofits Across Its Service Area*

OMAHA, Neb. June 1, 2016. – Today, First National Bank kicked off the *2016 Community First Award*, announced Alec Gorynski, Senior Director, Community Development and Social Responsibility. The *2016 Community First Award* recognizes and celebrates nonprofit organizations who are contributing to the success of communities across most of the bank’s service area.

“First National Bank has always had a passion for giving back to the communities we serve so that they are successful and continue to thrive,” said Gorynski. “Supporting community partners via sponsorships, donations, grants, community investments and volunteerism is something we have been committed to for nearly 160 years. With the *2016 Community First Award* we want to recognize and celebrate the countless nonprofit organizations who are working hard every day to help make our communities successful. We also hope to inspire others to give back to the greater good.”

Nominations for the *2016 Community First Award* are open to the public. From June 1 through June 14, an online nomination form (<http://woobox.com/rpf7zr>) will be available for people to nominate a local nonprofit that they believe is making significant contributions to the success of their community. The top nominations will then be presented for a public Facebook vote starting on July 13th. 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 late July when the winning nonprofits in each area will receive a \$10,000 cash donation and the runners-up a \$2,500 donation.

First National Bank is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National of Nebraska and its affiliates have \$20 billion in assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

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