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First Citizens Community Bank Donates \$250,000 to Education in Pennsylvania

MANSFIELD, PA (February 2018) First Citizens Community Bank consistently supports organizations that make a difference in the communities they serve. The Bank has been a proven advocate for education and continues to look for opportunities to help the future advancement of our youth.

In 2017, First Citizens donated \$250,000 to thirty-seven different non-profit organizations across the state. The majority of the organizations were school districts with unique educational programs. Many curriculums need financial assistance to provide the resources necessary to stimulate innovative programs in the classroom. First Citizens appreciated their dedication to enriching the education, values and cultural experience of youth by extending educational opportunities through advanced programs. These school courses give children more opportunities, and help them better compete in a rapidly changing technology driven world. Organizations like The Falcon Foundation share similar sentiments of the Bank. They are committed to connecting the community, students, and families through educational enrichment opportunities.

Agriculture is also a key component to the First Citizens vision. In the past two years, their Ag division has grown significantly with the Bank's expansion into south central Pennsylvania. They are now the second largest Ag banker in the state of Pennsylvania. Their contributions to Agricultural education in 2015 and 2016 totaled \$30,000. In 2017, The Center for Dairy Excellence and PA Friends of Agriculture were lucky recipients. The Center for Dairy Excellence was created to enhance the profitability and sustainability of the Pennsylvania dairy industry. They fund programs that cultivate the dairy industry through youth development, building customer awareness and providing continuing education in dairy-related fields. The PA Friends of Agriculture has a mission of preserving and promoting Agriculture throughout the state as well. The group organizes a Mobile Ag Lab, which visits schools teaching children about Agriculture. Since its inception, the Mobile Ag Lab has reached over one million students, and has visited 96% of the counties in Pennsylvania. The Mobile Ag Lab's visits are funded by donors like First Citizens.

"We're proud to consistently take a leadership role in advancing education," noted Randall E. Black, CEO and President. "Monetary donations are just one piece of our efforts. We fund the Everfi Online Financial Education program in many of our schools and our employees spend countless hours as volunteers with programs such as Teach Kids to Save and Teach Kids about Credit."

First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 28 offices throughout Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Union, Centre, Lebanon, Lancaster, Schuylkill and Berks counties in Pennsylvania and Allegany County New York. For more information about First Citizens, visit FirstCitizensBank.com, or find them on Facebook.

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