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First Citizens Reinvests in Community with Holiday Donations

(MANSFIELD PA – December 2016) ...Communities rely on local businesses and residents to provide charitable organizations with financial support.

In December, First Citizens chose to show their appreciation by making a series of donations to non-profit organizations who impact the communities where their customers reside. Charities were considered based on their location and impact in the Eastern and Western regions of First Citizens footprint.

“This year we wanted to focus on the positive ways these charities invest in our society,” expressed Jeff Carr, Chief Retail Banking Officer. “As an institution, we value the aid local charities provide to our neighbors.”

The American Cancer Society was amongst the selected organizations. In 2015, 198 Tioga County residents reached out to the Society for help, ranging from transportation to support. A total of 298 services were shown. These residents found information about their diagnosis, treatment and ways to combat side effects. “Generous donations provided by dedicated supporters, such as First Citizens, help to fund these services, as well as the research that is needed to end the war on cancer,” noted Jordyn Smith, a volunteer in the East Central Division of the American Cancer Society.

Other organizations who received donations include the Wellsboro Area Food Pantry and the Tioga County Homeless Initiative. The Wellsboro Area Food Pantry serves residents in Wellsboro, Mansfield, Westfield, Lawrenceville, Millerton and Blossburg. Currently, the Food Pantry is delivering food to over 240 families a month. Similarly, the Tioga County Homeless Initiative serves individuals without a home throughout all of Tioga County. Their objective is to provide a warm, safe and caring environment for individuals and families who are homeless. To date, they have established a network of 15 churches throughout Tioga county who support them. Their facility is located on the Charleston Road, near the Whitneyville Fairgrounds.

In the past five years, First Citizens has donated over \$1.2 million dollars to charity. First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 26 offices throughout Pennsylvania and New York. For more information about First Citizens Community Bank, visit www.firstcitizensbank.com, or find them on Facebook.

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First Citizens made a holiday donation to The Tioga County Homeless Initiative as part of their annual Holiday Donations endeavor.

Pictured left-to-right: First Citizens branch managers Alaina Knisley (Genesee), Deb Cram (Wellsboro), Rob Carleton (Mansfield Senior Regional Manager), Beth Weiskopff (Blossburg), Abby Thorborg (The Tioga County Homeless Initiative), Margaret Shaffer (Mill Hall), Kristina Bogaczyk (Mansfield), Phil Vaughn (Ulysses) and Bill Jacobson (Mansfield).