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**BANK OF FARMINGTON/INTEGRITY COMMUNITY BANK
RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Bank of Farmington/Integrity Community Bank was excited to accept the Exceptional Community Service Award from Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) during the IBA's virtual Annual Conference on August 12, 2021. This was the 19th year for the Community Service Awards, which honor Illinois financial institutions that demonstrate a high level of service in their communities. Bank of Farmington was one of the three recipients of the award.

Like most community banks, Bank of Farmington is involved in many civic, charitable and community initiatives. Not only do they serve as a sponsor, but they also provide time for employees to volunteer and serve in leadership roles in civic organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and St. Jude's. In addition to offering in-classroom instruction and participating in Real World Job Day, one new initiative is their partnership with BANZAI to provide an online, financial literacy program to the school districts in which their branches are located. The bank is sponsoring five high schools making the program available to over 1,700 students beginning this fall.

Joseph L. Higgs, President & CEO of Bank of Farmington/Integrity Community Bank said "It was my honor and privilege to accept the IBA Exceptional Community Service Award on behalf of our staff. I'm so very fortunate to work with such a great team of bankers. They work hard every day to connect, contribute, and meet the needs of our communities. It's especially rewarding for me to see the bank recognized for this award during the most challenging period of Covid-19. That speaks volumes about the strength and resiliency of this team."

The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks of all sizes.

Bank of Farmington/Integrity Community Bank was established in 1903 and has a long and rich history of service to West Central Illinois. Currently, Bank of Farmington has \$217 million in assets and maintains offices in Farmington, Canton, Williamsfield, and Peoria. More information about the Bank of Farmington/Integrity Community Bank can be found at www.BankofFarmington.com.

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