

Citizens National Bank Awards \$25,000 to the Texas FFA Foundation Scholarship Endowment

New corporate gifting program gives back to local community through supporting education

(AUSTIN, Texas) – April 19, 2022 – The <u>Texas FFA Foundation</u> has received a \$25,000 gift, generously given by <u>Citizens National Bank</u>, a Central Texas community financial institution. This gift will establish a \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually to one Texas FFA member in Area 12 through the Texas FFA Foundation's scholarship endowment.

Texas FFA Area 12 includes Bastrop, Bell, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Lee, Milam, Robertson, Travis and Williamson, which intersects with Citizens National Bank's service area of eight Central Texas locations.

"The mission and values of the Texas FFA align with our vision at Citizens National Bank to serve and support the local community," said Steven Wise, president and CEO of Citizens National Bank. "Many of our team members have been directly involved in FFA and believe in the importance of educating our communities' children to build a brighter future. We look forward to collaborating with the Texas FFA and continuing to build a sustainable partnership."

Citizens National Bank frequently works with agriculture-focused organizations, most recently sponsoring the Special Edition program in partnership with the Williamson County Fair and Rodeo to promote agricultural awareness to special needs kids. The decision to partner with the Texas FFA Foundation was built on the premise of being purposeful with the bank's giving programs and making a larger impact in the local community.

"We are honored to have the support of Citizens National Bank in strengthening agricultural education and the Texas FFA program in Area 12," said Aaron Alejandro, executive director of the Texas FFA Foundation. "Their generous support will give back to the local Area 12 community and provide an opportunity for its students to develop personal growth, career success and leadership in a global marketplace. Citizens National Bank support will live in perpetuity through our scholarship endowment."

The Texas FFA Foundation partners with sponsors to provide financial assistance for deserving Texas FFA students, with scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$20,000. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors like Citizens National Bank, the Texas FFA Foundation is able to have a positive impact on over 214,000 students who are enrolled in agricultural science courses.

About The Texas FFA Foundation

The Texas FFA Foundation's purpose is to strengthen agricultural education and the Texas FFA program, so each student can develop their potential for personal growth, career success and leadership in a global marketplace. The foundation has established relationships with key sponsors

and individuals to help make countless dreams come true and widen the doors of opportunity for more than 154,955 members statewide. For more information, please visit www.mytexasffa.org.

About Citizens National Bank

We are a \$600 million in assets community financial institution and have been proudly serving Central Texas since 1900. That experience is what sets Citizens National Bank apart. A Cameron, TX based financial institution with eight branches across Central Texas including Milam, Lee, Williamson and Travis counties. From Cameron to Cedar Park and several towns in between, we know and are active in each of our communities, making us better able to meet the banking needs of the communities we serve. Additional information can be found at chanktexas.com.

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