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MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES 2020 IMPACT CAMPAIGN

Community bank donates \$100,000 to organizations across Michigan providing food and shelter assistance

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., December 22, 2020 – Mercantile Bank of Michigan (“Mercantile Bank”) today announced its combined donation of \$100,000 and partnerships with several organizations across the state to make unified charitable contributions toward helping communities battling food insecurity and homelessness.

Mercantile Bank is working with entities throughout its Michigan communities to help provide emergency shelter and housing to those in need, designating \$50,000 across a variety of nonprofits, including:

- Guiding Light, Community Rebuilders, and Family Promise (West Michigan)
- Housing Resources, Inc. (Southwest Michigan)
- Haven House (Greater Lansing)
- Hope Hospitality and Warming Center, Inc. (Metro Detroit)
- Isabella County Restoration House and Gratiot Emergency Housing (Mid Michigan)
- Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (Northeast Michigan)

“We so appreciate the generosity of our friends and neighbors at Mercantile,” said Guiding Light Development Director Starla McDermott. “As a community bank, Mercantile demonstrates a true commitment to Michigan by working alongside nonprofits to benefit all. This gift will have double the impact as we invite others to match the funds to ensure all Heartside residents have a warm bed to sleep in this winter and nourishing meals to eat.”

To address the acute need to combat hunger near the holidays, the Bank is also partnering with a number of Feeding America food banks to distribute much needed food to families throughout the state with an additional donation of \$50,000.

“One in eight of our neighbors were facing hunger before the pandemic, and now even more are in need,” said Ken Estelle, President and CEO of Feeding America West Michigan. “This generous gift from Mercantile Bank will help us serve so many families through mobile pantries next year, as the effects of the pandemic linger. We couldn’t be more grateful for their support.”

“During this season of giving, we wanted to ensure that the financial assistance we provide reaches across all of the communities we serve, especially amid the amplified effects of the pandemic,” said Robert B. Kaminski, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Mercantile. “As we operate in these communities daily, we know that among the biggest critical needs across our state are food, shelter, and financial stability, and many people are struggling to receive these basic human needs. As a Michigan-based community bank, we wanted to act quickly and are partnering with organizations across the state to form critical relationships that will help fulfill these urgent needs but also work to make a lasting impact.”

About Mercantile Bank

Mercantile Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mercantile Bank Corporation. Mercantile Bank provides banking services to businesses, individuals and governmental units, and differentiates itself on the basis of service quality and the expertise of its banking staff. Mercantile Bank has assets of approximately \$4.4 billion and operates 39 banking offices.

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