

## **Midland States Bank Foundation Announces \$127,000 in Contributions to Area Organizations**

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EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS – March 25, 2015 – The Midland States Bank Foundation announced \$127,000 in contributions to six organizations including the Workman Community Building Fund, Helen Matthes Library Building Fund, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, The First Tee of Greater St. Louis program, Baptist Student Foundation in Champaign and Effingham Preschool for All.

The Workman Community Building Fund is the recipient of a \$100,000 contribution toward its capital campaign to build the Richard E. Workman Sports and Wellness Complex in Effingham. The complex, when built, will provide affordable health, fitness and recreational facilities for residents.

The Helen Matthes Library Building Fund has received \$10,000 towards its capital campaign supporting renovations and structural improvements needed to move into a newer facility. The renovation project will allow the library to support traditional services, while significantly expanding technology and community programs for the area residents of Effingham County.

Three organizations received \$5,000 each. These include the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Foundation to directly support the expansion of the hospital's new Hospice program in Effingham; The First Tee of Greater St. Louis, supporting a curriculum that integrates golf to foster the relationship between character education and academic success for inner city youth; and the Baptist Student Foundation, serving students from the University of Illinois and Parkland College in Champaign, to help provide a Christian based Student Center for social activities and fellowship.

The Effingham Preschool for All program, a start-up program designed to provide preschool education for low income children in the Effingham Unit #40 School District, has received \$2,000.

The Foundation, established in 2011, was created to provide for the improvement of the general welfare, education and health in the communities where the bank operates and where its employees reside. Since its creation, the foundation has contributed more than \$275,000 to non-profit organizations throughout Midland's footprint.

“Through the Midland States Bank Foundation, we enhance our ability to live up to our ‘Great Strength. More Heart.’ commitment, by providing resources that can have a favorable impact in our footprint,” commented Leon Holschbach, President and CEO of Midland States Bank. “We are only as strong as our communities. Our vitality as a community bank depends on the well-being of the cities and towns in which we operate.”

### **About Midland States Bancorp, Inc.**

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial holding company headquartered in Effingham, Illinois, and is the sole shareholder of Midland States Bank and Heartland Bank. Midland is rated “5 Stars” by Bauer Financial, a rating reserved for only the strongest financial institutions in the U.S. Midland has assets of approximately \$2.7 billion, and its Midland Wealth Management group has assets under administration of more than \$1.2 billion. Midland remains locally owned and provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, insurance and financial planning services. In addition, commercial leasing services are provided through Heartland Business Credit and commercial FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, its non-bank subsidiaries. Midland now has more than 70 locations across the U.S. As a community banking institution, Midland prides itself on establishing and maintaining excellent relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the financial needs of its communities. For additional information, visit <http://www.midlandsb.com> or on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

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