



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Honor Bank Celebrates 100 Years of Community Banking by Giving Back to Our Communities**

**Honor, Michigan** – Honor Bank celebrated 100 years of supporting our regional communities' financial future by giving back to organizations that help make the region a better place. Honor Bank branches and teams supported a different local non-profit each month by volunteering hours and collecting donations from employees and customers.

"As the local community bank, we have a great group of employees and customers who sincerely care about our communities," said Mike Worden, Honor Bank CEO. "We were all honored to celebrate our anniversary throughout the year by *Giving Back to Our Communities*."

Over the course of 2017, our 100th year, Honor Bank supported 11 non-profits. Employees raised \$14,276.48 and volunteered 306 hours to support the following non-profits during the year.

- **Betsie Valley District Library** – Copemish branch staff raised more than \$1,000 for new books and the School to Library program. They also collected more than 100 new books and participated as special story readers at the "Cat in the Hat" celebration.
- **Michael's Place** – The Garfield branch in Traverse City raised \$1,366 for Michael's Place and volunteered to provide and serve a meal for the weekly support group.
- **Benzie Animal Control** – The Honor branch collected enough dog food, cat food and other pet supplies to fill the bed of a pickup truck. They also collected \$1,500 in cash donations to help Animal Control purchase other important supplies.
- **Michigan Blood** – The blood donated by Honor Bank employees was enough to save at least 153 lives.
- **Benzie County Baby Pantry** – The Honor Bank loan center raised money and collected items such as baby food, diapers, formula and more to donate to the Baby Pantry. Donated funds were used to stock the shelves with needed items.
- **Benzie Food Partners Food Pantry** – Admin and Deposit Operations staff held a food drive and raised funds for the food pantry. Donations resulted in more than 10,000 pounds of food for the pantry, one eighth of the total amount of food provided in 2016.
- **Benzie Senior Resources** – The Benzonia branch collected more than \$2,000 in donations, which was used to purchase useful items for seniors as well as provide small home repairs.
- **Alzheimer's Awareness Walk** – The Buckley branch raised more than \$2,000 to support Alzheimer's research.

- **Almira Historical Society** – The Lake Ann branch raised \$860 for the Almira Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the history of Almira Township and the Village of Lake Ann.
- **Bear Lake Community Services Food Pantry** – The Bear Lake branch staff raised funds for the Bear Lake Food Pantry with a candy bar sale, bake sale and pop can drive throughout the year.
- **Spark in the Dark** – The Marketplace Traverse City branch raised \$1,800 to support Spark in the Dark's programs.

Spark in the Dark uses technology and community events to connect people in need with those who can offer help. Staff at Spark in the Dark said, "Spark in the Dark was honored and thrilled to be chosen by Honor Bank as one of their charities of 2017! Their team was not only fun to work with but also incredibly enthusiastic and supportive of our cause. With their help we were able to raise over \$1800, which will help us tremendously as we continue to get on our feet as a new organization and to grow our community event programs. Their support and the support of the community has meant so much to us here at Spark in the Dark!"

#### **About Honor Bank**

Honor Bank has been serving businesses and people in northwest Michigan since 1917, with offices in Bear Lake, Benzonia, Buckley, Copemish, Honor, Lake Ann and two in Traverse City. For more information, visit [myhonorbank.com](http://myhonorbank.com) or follow Honor Bank on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Member FDIC.

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