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## **Kish Bank Recognized for Outstanding Community Service, Receives Pillars of the Community Award**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 19, 2017 – Kish Bank was presented today with the prestigious FHLBank Pittsburgh Pillars of the Community Award in recognition of the bank’s commitment to community revitalization. The Pillars award is FHLBank’s highest organizational honor and is presented annually to select FHLBank members.

Kish Bank received the award at one of FHLBank’s regional member golf outings. John Bendel, FHLBank director of community investment, spoke at the event about the bank’s community achievements. William Hayes, Kish Bank’s chairman, president and CEO, accepted the award on behalf of the bank.

“I am honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the entire Kish team,” Hayes said. “We are deeply committed to serving and building the communities in our central Pennsylvania region, an outstanding place to live and to work.”

As part of the award, FHLBank presented a \$1,000 check on Kish Bank’s behalf to the Juniata College Museum of Art, which contributes so much to the social and intellectual well-being of the region and local communities.

An active member of the FHLBank cooperative, Kish Bank has secured funding through FHLBank Pittsburgh’s First Front Door product making it possible for 13 families to become first-time homeowners in 2016. The bank has also used the Community Lending Program to benefit the availability of affordable housing in Kish’s communities. Kish Bank has been an active participant in the Blueprint Communities neighborhood revitalization initiative, taking a leading role in efforts to revive local communities in rural areas of Huntingdon County.

“Kish Bank is wholly committed to helping communities become better places to live and work, as witnessed by its support of first-time homebuyers and neighborhoods that need a boost,” said Winthrop Watson, FHLBank’s president and CEO. “We are proud to have Kish Bank as part of our membership cooperative.”

### **About Kish Bank**

For over a century, solid and enduring values have made Kish Bank, the banking subsidiary of Kish Bancorp, Inc., a strong financial institution and a vital part of the communities it serves. Formed in 1935 through a merger of Farmers National Bank of Belleville and The Belleville National Bank, both of which can be traced to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Kish Bank is one of Pennsylvania’s fastest growing community bank franchises. With 15 offices throughout Centre, Huntingdon and Mifflin Counties, including four financial centers and state-of-the-art online banking, Kish Bank serves a population of over 220,000 people and over 87,000 households. Today, Kish Bank has total assets of just over \$756 million. To learn more, visit [www.kishbank.com](http://www.kishbank.com).

### **About FHLBank Pittsburgh**

As an intermediary between global capital markets and local lenders, FHLBank Pittsburgh provides readily available liquidity, as well as affordable housing and community development opportunities, to member financial institutions of all sizes in Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Bank is one of 11 banks in the Federal Home Loan Bank System, which was established by Congress in 1932 and serves as a reliable source of funds for housing, jobs and economic growth in all economic cycles. To learn more, visit [www.fhlb-pgh.com](http://www.fhlb-pgh.com).

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