

Bank donates to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation

ROCHELLE—Mike Dale, President of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, recently accepted the fourth quarter contribution from First National Bank, represented by Cathy Cox, S.V.P.

Many members of the staff at First National contribute to the foundation on a regular basis and the bank has agreed to match employee contributions. With the bank match, employees raised more than \$1,500 for the foundation in the fourth quarter of 2014.

"As a local, community bank, it just seems right to make our donation to a local, community organization," said Cathy Cox. "Money given to support the Rochelle Foundation is used for the benefit of local community organizations. It does a great job for our community."

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation is a local non-profit founded by Leonard Carmichael in 2005. He had a vision of helping a wide array of organizations and projects through funding from endowments and gifts. The spirit of the R.A.C.F. is embodied in this quote

from Carmichael's book: "Good communities don't just happen. They require the united efforts of people who have a passion for schools, hospitals, churches and childcare centers."

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation is unique as it accepts grant requests from other non-profit organizations in a wide variety of areas serving the needs of the local community. The foundation's focus is on a broad range of beneficiaries that include the arts, education, health and community services, and community development.

A new fund, the Steve Pfeiffer Memorial Fund is the latest fund established through the Foundation. To honor Steve's life of service, income from this fund will be used to make annual grants to local non-profit organizations as recommended by members of his family.

For more information about the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, visit their website at <http://rochellefoundation.org/home> or contact the Foundation's Executive Director, Kim Montgomery

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The First National Bank & Trust Company of Rochelle is a full-service national bank with branches in Rochelle, Ashton and Oregon. The main office is located at First Financial Plaza, 340 May Mart Drive, Rochelle, and is a member FDIC/Equal Housing Lender.

At right, Cathy Cox, First National Bank S.V.P., presents Mike Dale, president of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, with a check for \$1,537.71. Employees at the bank raised the money during the fourth quarter and contributed the money to the local community organization. (Photo submitted)

