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## For Immediate Release

## BSNB Recognizes Employees for Volunteer Efforts and Donates \$5,000

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y. – Feb. 03, 2016 – Ballston Spa National Bank recently recognized 10 employees with Community Support Awards and donated \$5,000 to area charitable organizations in appreciation of employee volunteer efforts.

Through the bank's *Volunteers in Action* program, bank employees are encouraged to volunteer their time. These efforts resulted in more than 9,000 volunteer hours during the 12 months preceding the award designations. The top 10 award recipients were honored for their exemplary contributions to the organizations and communities they served. The recipients are: Beth Chase, Karen Dowen, Matthew Hosek, James Ireland, Melissa Jennings, Colleen Pickett, Brenda Reilly, Christine Rowland, Laura Siracuse and Cathy Young.

"We are very proud of the contributions our employees make to the vitality of our communities," said BSNB President and CEO Chris Dowd. "Likewise, we are especially pleased to provide additional support to five deserving organizations chosen by our top five recently recognized employees. These organizations embody a spirit of helping others and we are pleased to support their efforts."

In appreciation of employee volunteer efforts, BSNB is awarding \$1,000 to each of the following organizations:

- AIM Services Provides support and services to people with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.
- Franklin Community Center Provides programs and services promoting healthy lifestyles to less fortunate children and families in Saratoga County.
- Leatherstocking Honor Flight All-volunteer, local organization dedicated to taking our World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C. to experience their memorials at no cost.
- Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Program Dedicated to helping special needs individuals achieve a maximum degree of freedom, independence and mobility through tested and innovative methods of equine assisted therapy and medical rehabilitation.
- The Center for Hope Organization established to provide support for families with missing loved ones.

## ABOUT BALLSTON SPA NATIONAL BANK

Established in 1838, BSNB celebrates more than 175 years of community banking. With just the right combination of personal service and high tech convenience, BSNB offers a wide range of products and services to individuals, families, municipalities, nonprofits and businesses through eleven banking offices

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Ballston Spa National Bank's 2015 Community Support Award recipients stand with BSNB President and CEO Chris Dowd, back center, after a recent staff meeting. Front row from left to right are Laura Siracuse, Cathy Young and Colleen Pickett; Back row from left to right are James Ireland, Brenda Reilly, Chris Dowd, Melissa Jennings, Beth Chase and Matthew Hosek. Not pictured: Karen Dowen and Christine Rowland.

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