



PRIMARY BANK MARKS ONE YEAR

BEDFORD_ Primary Bank, New Hampshire's newest locally owned and operated full-service community bank, marked its one-year anniversary on Thursday, July 28. The Bedford-based institution was the first bank to open in New Hampshire in over seven years and the second commercial bank to open in the country since 2010.

"We enjoyed an enthusiastic welcome from local businesses and individuals right from the beginning and business is continuing to grow steadily as people get to know who we are and how we operate," said Bill Stone, President and CEO of Primary Bank. "The support we've received from local companies and residents has really made our first year a great success."

Primary Bank opened in July 2015 with \$30.4 million in capital raised from 421 individual investors. Stone credits the success of this unprecedented capital raise to the belief shared by the bank's founders and investors that a need existed within the state for a locally owned and operated community bank.

"From our retail staff up through our senior management team, we're all New Hampshire bankers. We know our customers and we know New Hampshire," Stone said, adding, "Our board of directors is made up of a dynamic group of New Hampshire business leaders each with strong ties to the local community. That means decision making is done locally and quickly and is based on first-hand knowledge of the state's current business climate. I think that's something our customers appreciate."

In an effort to further expand upon the professional leadership present in the local business community, plans are currently underway to establish an additional advisory committee made up of business leaders from throughout southern New Hampshire in the upcoming year.

Primary Bank is also proud to have offered its support to a number of local community organizations during its first year including Bedford Little League, New Horizons for New Hampshire, Monarchs Care Foundation, New Hampshire Fisher Cats Foundation, the Manchester Boys and Girls Club and others.

"Being a community bank means playing a meaningful role in supporting those organizations that make our towns and neighborhoods great places to live and work," said Stone.

Maintaining and building upon the high quality localized service its customers have come to depend on will remain the highest priority going into year two according to Stone. With this in mind Primary Bank hopes to add a second branch location, new staff, and new banking products including merchant card services, private label credit card, health savings accounts and online account opening in the upcoming months.



About Primary Bank:

Primary Bank is a community-oriented commercial bank focused on providing banking services to small and medium-sized businesses and their owners, non-profits, professional service firms and individuals in Southern New Hampshire who desire a high-degree of service. Our consumer deposit products include; checking accounts, certificate of deposits and money market accounts.

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