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Legence Bank Donates to the Fourth Grade Class GIVING PROJECT **at Evansville Day School**

Legence Bank is proud to partner with the Evansville Day School to invest in student success! We had another excellent opportunity to work with the 4th Grade GIVING PROJECT. “The 4th Grade Giving Project is a milestone activity that is a favorite among EDS families. As a teacher, it is one of the activities that I enjoy most because it is multifaceted and provides important lessons that extend beyond the classroom. The Giving Project offers students the opportunity to develop their skills in fiscal responsibility, product development, marketing, and technology while also tasking them with exploring needs in their community and finding ways to meet those needs. The students finish the project with a sense of accomplishment and pride, and they discover the joys of selfless work and responsible citizenship,” said Marisa Jones, 4th Grade Teacher, Evansville Day School.

Legence Bank helps make the Giving Project possible through the loans and financial guidance provided to the students. At the beginning of the project, each student is given a loan in the amount of \$10, for which they sign a promissory note and agree to repay the bank with 1% interest. The students utilize the \$10 to buy supplies for a service they can provide or a product they can sell. Over the past few years, the students have provided services such as house cleaning, yard work, and pet sitting, and have created a variety of products – from food to decorations, jewelry and so much more!

The students sell their services or products to their friends and family, as well as to the larger EDS community. They are responsible for collecting, tracking, and donating the money they raise and at the conclusion of the project, Legence Bank forgives the loan, allowing the students to use all remaining funds to donate to a non-profit organization of each student’s choosing. In addition, Legence Bank keeps the philanthropic spirit alive through a matching donation of 10% of the total raised by the class to an organization the class selects as a whole. This year, the class raised \$6,995 through the Giving Project, and Legence Bank will be making a \$695 donation in their honor to Another Chance for Animals.

“Legence Bank is very pleased to be involved with this project and appreciates the partnership with Evansville Day School in contributing towards the education of local students,” said Kevin Beckemeyer, President & CEO, Legence Bank. Our team is proud of the close relationship we have with Evansville Day School and the students. It has been our privilege to collaborate with EDS on the donations to local charities within the greater Evansville community. Our mission of moving our communities

forward and investing in the future starts with helping students further their education and partnering with them to give back to philanthropic organizations in the communities we serve.

“Legence Bank has made a long-term commitment to support, improve and foster a more significant focus on education in southern Illinois and southern Indiana, and this investment is an affirmation to that effort,” said Kevin Beckemeyer, Legence Bank’s President & CEO.

For more information on above scholarship initiative, please contact Tricia Johnson, VP for Marketing and Communications at (618)-841-7868 or visit the website at LegenceBank.com.

