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Kennebec Savings Bank Recognized as ICBA 2021 National Community Bank Service Award Recipient

Exceptional Community Bank Service Category Winner

Augusta, Maine -- Kennebec Savings Bank received the Exceptional Community Bank Service Award from the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). ICBA's National Community Bank Service Awards recognize the outstanding service and creative volunteer efforts of the nation's community banks.

Kennebec Savings Bank's efforts to assist its community, and in particular fighting food insecurity throughout the pandemic, earned the \$1.36 billion-asset bank recognition for its generous and creative support. The Bank helped nonprofit organizations to distribute more than 2,300 boxes of food, 2,300 gallons of milk, and 1,200 turkeys to families hard-hit by COVID-19 and donated over \$1.1 million to 300 nonprofits and charitable causes across the 35 communities it serves last year.

"When the pandemic first hit, like many organizations, we had to adjust operations to get our arms around the size and scale of its impact," said Andrew Silsby, President & CEO of Kennebec Savings Bank. "However, thanks to our strong culture of teamwork and community involvement, it did not take KSB long to jump into action to help our friends and neighbors. We are honored by this recognition from ICBA and grateful for the opportunity to stand with our community during their hour of need."

From helping to combat food insecurity to supporting theaters trying to keep their doors open, bank employees quickly mobilized to develop several innovative programs to give back. Notable projects included a COVID 19 relief fund for local nonprofits and a social media awareness campaign to promote small business patronage.

"ICBA commends Kennebec Savings Bank and its employees for their unwavering commitment and service to their customers and community," ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said. "Kennebec's sterling example is a testament to the power of relationship banking upon which the community banking business model was built and shines."

More than 100 community banks have been recognized since ICBA launched the National Community Bank Service Awards program in 2002. Bank technology services provider FIS, of Jacksonville, Fla., sponsored this year's program. Learn more about Kennebec Savings Bank and the other exceptional award recipients in the September issue of [Independent Banker](#)[®].

Kennebec Savings Bank is a \$1.3 billion state-chartered community bank, part of a mutual organization, with a team of 171 employees and offices in Augusta, Farmingdale, Freeport, Waterville and Winthrop,

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as well as “KSB Anytime” 24-hour electronic banking centers in Augusta, Farmingdale, Freeport and Manchester. The Bank is proud that its involvement in the community as an employer, a business and as a contributor has led to many other successes besides its own. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

The Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA) creates and promotes an environment where community banks flourish. ICBA is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and its membership through effective advocacy, best-in-class education, and high-quality products and services.

With nearly 50,000 locations nationwide, community banks constitute 99 percent of all banks, employ more than 700,000 Americans and are the only physical banking presence in one in three U.S. counties. Holding more than \$5.7 trillion in assets, over \$4.7 trillion in deposits, and more than \$3.6 trillion in loans to consumers, small businesses and the agricultural community, community banks channel local deposits into the Main Streets and neighborhoods they serve, spurring job creation, fostering innovation and fueling their customers’ dreams in communities throughout America. For more information, visit ICBA’s website at www.icba.org.

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