



Press Release

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**Itasca Bank & Trust Co.  
Celebrates 75 Years as a Community Bank**



**Itasca, Illinois –January 2, 2022**—In a time when community banks are a dwindling breed, Itasca Bank & Trust Co. is proud to be celebrating its 75th Anniversary! As a locally owned and operated community bank with a rich heritage, unwavering commitment to quality service, and an excellent reputation, Itasca Bank & Trust Co. continues to serve the communities of Itasca, Roselle, and the surrounding communities in DuPage County.

In recognition of this milestone, the Bank will spend its anniversary year focused on a comprehensive initiative to combat food insecurity in our neighboring communities. Their efforts will be highlighted by year-long employee volunteer initiatives, food and personal product drives, Bank donations for account openings, as well as marketing and special events to highlight the need to help our Pantry Partners. The Bank's Pantry Partners are the Itasca Cares Food Pantry, Roselle UMC Food Pantry, Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry, Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry, and the Wood Dale Food Pantry.

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Another opportunity to support food insecurity involves a collaboration with an area non-for-profit, to provide locally grown organic produce to its Pantry Partners. Increasing food prices have made it difficult for food pantry recipients to obtain produce, organic or otherwise, consistently. Itasca Bank and Trust Co. celebrates having a longtime relationship with The Conservation Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit company headquartered on the McDonald Farm in Naperville. The Conservation Foundation's Green Earth Harvest program is a certified organic farming operation which provides local, nutritious vegetables to the community through the sale of "shares." A "share" is a portion of the farm's total harvest during the growing season.

For the 2023 harvest season, 20 weeks covering from June to October, Itasca Bank & Trust Co. intends to supply this critical nutrition to its Pantry Partners for those in need. The Bank has committed significant resources to this program and is seeking donations to further support this effort. One share of the Green Earth Harvest costs \$1,000. Each share provides approximately eleven units of produce per week for 20 weeks (which equates to 1,600 pounds of organic produce) at less than half of what you would pay for similar organic produce from a grocery store. Each unit equates to a "bunch" of carrots, two pounds of potatoes and a head of lettuce, with a wide variety of offerings throughout the 20-week season. Each donation of \$1,000 can make a difference in the lives of those who struggle to keep healthy, nutritious food on their table during these difficult economic times. Please contact Scott LaMorte, Vice President of Business Development @ [scottlamorte@itascabank.com](mailto:scottlamorte@itascabank.com) for information about how to underwrite one or more shares.

The Bank will kick off their year-long celebration with a breakfast attended by the staff, the executive directors of the food pantry partners, local officials and the media on Tuesday, January 24, the official chartered date of the Bank in 1948.

### **Information about Itasca Bank & Trust Co.**

Itasca Bank & Trust Co., founded in 1948, is a locally owned, independent community bank with locations in Itasca and Roselle with assets of \$746 million. The President is James R. Mensching. The Bank Directors include Jack Mensching, Chairman, James R. Mensching, Bryan Mraz, John Sotos, Dr. Roy Scheck, Robin VanCastle and Don Sofolo.

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