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## Home Bank Encourages Others to Become “Vested” in the Community

**Martinsville, Indiana, April 18, 2016---**Home Bank SB donated \$500 to the City of Martinsville to help raise funds for replacing the soon-to-be outdated bullet-proof vests the city police department is currently using; all the while, encouraging other community businesses, organizations and persons to donate funds to the initiative as well.

When the need to replace gear for our local law enforcement came to the attention of Martinsville’s Mayor, Shannon Kohl, she initiated conversation with Home Bank. “It only seemed natural to reach out to Home Bank for support since they are so involved with our community,” said Kohl. Before becoming mayor, Kohl had a long-standing relationship with the bank and recognized the necessity of starting locally to resolve the need as a community.

“We need to make sure our community is supporting one another,” said Home Bank CEO/President, Dan Moore. “If we do our part to protect those willing to put their lives on the line for us every day, then we’re doing something right. I encourage our entire community to band together to meet this need.”

The cost to replace outdated bullet-proof vests is approximately, \$7,000. Fortunately, the city has received a grant to cover \$4,000 of the necessary funds but, still have a need of an additional \$3,000.

In addition to Home Bank’s donation, Bill Blaschke of Blaschke Tax Service donated \$1,000 to the initiative, leaving only \$1,500 left to be raised to meet the city’s need. Simply put, only three additional donations of \$500 each from businesses, organizations or persons would get our police officers into updated gear and back to protecting the community safely.

Those interested in donating can make checks payable to the City of Martinsville with “Vests” marked in the memo. Donations will be accepted at the Martinsville City Clerk’s Office located at 110 W. Morgan St., the Mayor’s Office located at 59 S. Jefferson St., or The Community Foundation of Morgan County located at 56 N Main St., all in downtown Martinsville.

Home Bank SB was chartered in 1890 as a mutual institution which essentially means that it is owned by its depositors. Without private ownership or stockholders, the bank’s profits are allocated entirely to its capital reserves, resulting in greater fiscal strength and resources for community support.