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Cortland Banks provides Thanksgiving dinner to 300 local families

YOUNGSTOWN (Nov. 20) – Cortland Bank has once again teamed up with United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley and Second Harvest Food Bank as the sponsor of the Success After 6 Thanksgiving Dinner. The bank's sponsorship will provide 300 families at Youngstown Community School as well as Taft Elementary, MLK Elementary, McGuffey Elementary, and Paul C. Bunn Elementary in the Youngstown City School District with Thanksgiving dinner, including a turkey for each family.

"Cortland Bank is pleased to have the opportunity to be involved in the United Way's Success After 6 program and to continue to support the Second Harvest Food Bank," said James Gasior, Cortland Banks' President and CEO.

The United Way's Success After 6 program assembles school and community resources to provide a deliberate focus on academics, health, social services and social and emotional development.

"As a community bank, Cortland Bank provides sponsorship funding to organizations, such as the United Way and Second Harvest Food Bank, to affect positive changes within our communities and to enrich the lives of others," Gasior said. "In line with our community reinvestment objectives, our bank is committed to building meaningful relationships between our communities, charitable organizations, customers and employees."

Gasior noted that the bank actively participates in a range of local charities and fund raising activities in support of schools, athletic and booster programs, charitable organizations and neighborhood associations and that bank officers and employees consistently volunteer time and resources to support the community reinvestment goals.

Carrie Stackhouse, Vice President and Commercial Banking Officer for the bank, is a United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley board member and is excited to help out this holiday season.

"To be such a huge part of seeing these kids' smiles on a daily basis from our efforts and time is something that is truly amazing," Stackhouse said. "It means something for our whole organization at Cortland Banks to be able to provide Thanksgiving meals this holiday for those kids that may not have been able to have one without our help. That is the true meaning of giving back to our community."

Along with corporate sponsorships and employee commitments, Cortland Bank continues its efforts to find creative ways to give back through employee fund raising initiatives, group participation events and classroom visits through the bank's financial literacy programs.

About Cortland Bank: Founded in 1892, Cortland Bank has operated as a full-service community bank for more than 120 years. Cortland Bank currently employs approximately 170 people, with 13 offices in four counties: Trumbull, Portage, Summit, Mahoning and Ashtabula and two financial services centers in Beachwood and Fairlawn, Ohio. Cortland Bank takes great pride in its history and strives to provide its customers with the highest quality of integrated financial services. For more information on Cortland Bank, please visit www.cortlandbank.com.



Pictured:

Youngstown Community School Students

(Left to Right back)

Bob Hannon, United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning Valley President; Rachael Smith, Youngstown Community School Superintendent/Director; Brenda Scott, United Way Director of Success After 6

(Left to Right front)

Anthony Thomas, 7th Grade; Simone Lewis, 2nd Grade, De'Asia Hill, 1st Grade; De'asia Hill 1st Grade; Duan Reynolds, 6th Grade