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**Wayne Bank Announces \$200,000 Commitment
to Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County**

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[June 8th, 2022 - Cambridge City, Indiana] – Wayne Bank is pleased to announce its \$200,000 commitment to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County. This substantial gift, to be made over a period of four years, will ensure the continued operation of the Western Wayne Unit and replace the temporary funding provided by the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program. The Club will be renamed the “Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Clubs” when it reopens in August 2022.

“We are so excited for our partnership with Wayne Bank,” Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Chief Executive Officer Alicia Painter said. “This Club began serving youth in August of 2021 and has been a wonderful success. We continue to see an increase in the number of youth we serve, and our staff members have done an exceptional job offering top-notch programming. This partnership will allow us to continue the impactful work we have begun.”

The soon-to-be named Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Club has seen an outpouring of community support for its mission. In the single year since its opening, the Club has recruited 140 active memberships. The Club offers the same afterschool programming focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship that are the hallmark of Boys & Girls Clubs across the county with additional emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) and other academic programs.

The Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Club is “a spectacular gain,” Wayne Bank Chief Executive Officer Mike Gaddis said, making the community more attractive for young families, especially those where parents can’t be home when school is dismissed.

“We want to make sure the Boys & Girls Club can be sustained,” Gaddis emphasized. “Youth is obviously our future, so much of our effort must be on trying to retain the youth and keeping them here. Walk around Cambridge City: the streets are nice, businesses are full, and there are good people, so we want to help where we can.”

Life-long Western Wayne resident and Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Director of Resource Development & Special Events Sarah Roddy agreed, “For years, the families of the Western Wayne area have struggled to find affordable childcare and safe places for their kids to go after school, but, thanks to partners like Wayne Bank, Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County is now able to provide that space. While Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County are new to the area, Mike and his team’s investment in our kids’ future is just the most recent way they have supported the people of Western Wayne. They truly understand that a sense of belonging and commitment to community are staples of the Western Wayne area.”

“Great things will come from this partnership with Wayne Bank and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County,” Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Board President Tracie Robinson added. “The potential to serve the families in the Western Wayne Area has certainly been a goal of all involved. The programs offered to the kids will have a lasting impact on their lives and help them grow into great young adults who will be the future leaders in the surrounding community.”

The gift comes as a fitting celebration of Wayne Bank’s 140 years of service to the community. The bank was founded in 1882 by Abiram Boyd and is Indiana’s oldest privately-owned community bank. Today, Wayne Bank offers modern solutions like online and mobile banking as well as 3 branch locations in Cambridge City and Richmond, Indiana.

Bonnie Boyd Kruckenberg, member of the bank’s board of directors and a member of the family which owns it, said, “The Boyd family is very excited to have the opportunity to support our local Boys & Girls Clubs’ Western Wayne Unit. It is moving to see so many people working very hard to improve our community in so many different ways. The Boys & Girls Clubs coming to the Western Wayne area has been a long-term goal of many that has finally come true for our kids and families! We can’t think of a better way to invest in our community than by investing in our children who are our future citizens.”

On a more personal note, Kruckenberg said she is glad to see the school building still being used by the community’s children.

“I recently toured the Boys & Girls Clubs facility, which happens to be located in my old Pershing Elementary school. It was a trip back in time of almost 60 years! What a perfect location with a central hallway and all the classrooms which lend themselves to various activity rooms and a study area. It is wonderful to know that the building is filled again with children, great staff, good energy, and lots of fun activities.”

Wayne Bank’s mission is to promote community prosperity by providing high quality financial services that meet the needs of our community, its businesses, and its citizens. Our values are community, integrity, people, and sustainability.

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