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INOVA Federal partnering with the Tolson Center

Elkhart, IN —INOVA Federal was selected by the Tolson Center for Community Excellence as its primary banking partner to serve the Elkhart community. INOVA will provide programs, resources and financial literacy education that will support the Tolson Center’s mission of empowering the lives of those they serve throughout the entire Elkhart community. Further, INOVA will provide business to business services in handling the organization’s accounts and cash management.

“INOVA was one of five financial institutions that responded to our request for proposal for this relationship. All were keenly interested in this relationship. However, the INOVA response, interviews, and track record was very convincing”, said Cyneatha Millsaps, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Tolson Center for Community Excellence. “What is most impressive about INOVA is their legacy of serving Elkhart; with many members in the south central Elkhart community. The staff and board have the kind of diversity that matches our organization’s character.”

“INOVA is most at home in Elkhart where we often fund and provide advocates for local organizations and programs.” said Dallas Bergl, President and CEO of INOVA Federal. “We have been locally headquartered in downtown Elkhart for 80 years, and we work to provide opportunities for everyone in our community. Relationships like this with the Tolson Center are exactly why INOVA continues to serve the people who live and work here, when other financial institutions leave.”

Charles Walker, longtime Elkhart resident and a volunteer on INOVA’s Board of Directors, lived in south central Elkhart. As the current Chairman of the Board for INOVA, Mr. Walker knew this was collaboration at its finest. “Everything about this partnership between the Tolson Center and INOVA made perfect sense.” Mr. Walker stated. “To serve the next generation of a community that is so near and dear to me is an honor. I know the entire INOVA team feels the same.”

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The Tolson Center board anticipates soon embarking on a multi-million dollar expansion of building, park and recreational facilities in the current location. It is planned that the Center will be fully operational in 2023. The re-development of this complex is dependent upon further decisions by the city and the continued engagement and generous support of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, Lily Foundation, those serving on the board, and working committees and task forces of the board.

About the Tolson Center

Tolson Center, Inc. is a nonprofit doing business as the Tolson Center for Community Excellence, located on south Benham Ave in south central Elkhart. The mission of the Tolson Center is to empower lives through inclusive learning, recreation and cultural exchange, opening doors to bright futures of those they serve.

About INOVA Federal Credit Union

INOVA Federal Credit Union is a member-owned, financial cooperative headquartered in downtown Elkhart, Indiana. Established in 1942, INOVA was originally chartered to serve the employees of Miles (Bayer) Laboratories. Today, INOVA serves over 42,000 members and the employees of over 500 companies. INOVA has seven branch locations in two states, as well as 5,000 service center locations and 30,000 free ATMs nationwide.

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