

## Building A Legacy of Caring!

# A BANK THAT'S INSPIRED BY YOU.

## FOR GOOD REASON.

### From the President's Desk

As the holiday season approaches, there's so much to be thankful for. Reflecting on what truly matters, I find my perspectives shifting. The commercialization of many holidays often distracts us, myself included, from what's genuinely important. Many people are in need of basic comforts - a warm home, food on the table, and time with loved ones - things we often take for granted.

On behalf of the entire BANKWEST team, I want to express our gratitude to you, our customers.

Your trust and confidence allow us to provide financial services and positively impact the communities we serve.

At BANKWEST, our mission of "Building a Legacy of Caring" is more than a slogan; it's a commitment we strive to embody every day, all year long.



Steve Huston, President

### Give the Perfect Gift

Make your holiday gift giving easy by stopping in any one of our offices and purchasing VISA Gift Cards for everyone on your list.



It is a prepaid card that is welcome where VISA cards are accepted worldwide and available in dollar amounts from \$25 to \$500\*. Reward friends, associates and loved ones with the card that is like cash and just as easy to use.

\*Activation Fee applies

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Rockford/Hanover/Buffalo Offices:

- Christmas Eve Day - Tuesday, December 24th: Drive-Up and Lobby closing at noon
- Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th: Drive-Up and Lobby closed
- New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st: Drive-Up and Lobby closed

## A Season of Thanks and Giving

This holiday season, BANKWEST is proud to spotlight our employees' commitment to making a difference through our initiative, "A Season of Thanks and Giving."

Three teams of BANKWEST employees were formed and the bank funded \$3,000 to be divided between them. The initiative was to choose and support local organizations by making a meaningful impact in the communities we serve.

PRIDE Transitions Program: Essential items were purchased and donated to support their mission of preparing young adults for life beyond school.

MAGNUS Veterans Foundation: Along with the donation, we helped serve the meal and provided dessert to nearly 300 veterans and their families for their luncheon in Dayton, honoring those who have served our country.

Buffalo American Legion: A life-saving AED defibrillator was donated to help ensure the safety and well-being of their members and visitors.

BANKWEST employee Savanna S. shared her perspective: "This project makes me proud to be a part of this community and an employee at BANKWEST. I am hopeful for additional opportunities like this, to learn about more organizations in our community and find ways we can give back and support."

Craig B. reflected on his team's experience with the MAGNUS Veterans Foundation: "Our group enjoyed working with Magnus staff and volunteers and connecting with the veterans during the meal. Before lunch, we observed a flag-raising ceremony and heard a message from the Chaplain. It was a very meaningful way for our team to honor veterans and their families."

BANKWEST President and CEO, Steve Huston, highlighted that many employees went the extra mile by personally contributing their own funds to support these organizations. "We are incredibly proud of how our team embodies our motto, *Building a Legacy of Caring*, in such meaningful ways."

At BANKWEST, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to give back and remain dedicated to strengthening the communities we serve.



Rockford Middle School Choir  
on Site in Rockford

Thursday, December 19th at 9:00 AM

Please join us in Rockford as we welcome the Rockford Middle School Choir as they perform Christmas Carols.