



## **Kish Honors Area Communities at Annual Celebration**

STATE COLLEGE, PA – June 28, 2017 – Kish Bank hosted its third annual celebration of central Pennsylvania communities and community volunteers last night at Brookmere Winery in Belleville, PA.

“We’re here to express our gratitude, celebrate your commitment to our communities, and hear from some very special guests,” William P. Hayes, Chairman, President and CEO of Kish Bank, told a crowd of more than 200 people. He credited Kish Ambassador, Head Coach of Penn State Women’s Basketball, Coquese Washington, for challenging Kish to carry its sense of community pride and commitment into the broader community. “She challenged us to emphasize the core values of caring and community that had caused her to sign on with Kish in the first place,” Hayes added.

Special guests of the evening included Coach Washington; leaders from area non-profit organizations; D. Holmes Morton, M.D., MacArthur Fellowship recipient and winner of the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism; Winthrop Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh; and Kish employees who were recognized for their personal commitment to community volunteerism.

Washington spoke about Pink Zone, a philanthropy closely unified with Lady Lion Basketball at Penn State and dedicated to the fight against breast cancer through education, diagnosis and treatment, and research. Pink Zone, she said, is a program to help keep families together when faced with the fight against breast cancer.

“The hardest thing for a child is not knowing if the family will stay together,” Washington said. “With this program, we help those families stay together.” At the conclusion of her remarks, Washington presented a Pink Zone check to representatives from area hospitals that will benefit from Pink Zone’s 2016-2017 fundraising year. A total of \$255,000 will be distributed this year to Pink Zone beneficiaries, which include Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital, JC Blair Hospital, Mount Nittany Medical Center, and the Lady Lion Basketball Breast Cancer Research Endowment in the Penn State Cancer Institute at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center campus.

Watson presented the FHLB Pittsburgh’s Pillars of the Community Award to Kish Bank to recognize the Bank’s commitment to community revitalization. The award, FHLB Pittsburgh’s highest organization honor, was one of two made this year from more than 300 members of FHLB Pittsburgh. Watson said Kish Bank “is wholly committed to helping communities become better places to live and work, as witnessed by its support of first-time homebuyers and neighborhoods that need a boost.” The award included a \$1,000 monetary reward, which Kish Bank designated to the Juniata College Museum of Art.

Hayes presented the Outstanding Humanitarian of the Year Award to Dr. Holmes Morton who, with his wife Caroline, opened the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg, PA in 1990. The clinic provides a unique combination of pediatric primary care and serves as a place for cutting-edge diagnosis and

research for rare genetic conditions. Morton is using funds from his MacArthur Fellowship to create a new clinic in Belleville that will serve the Anabaptist community of the central Pennsylvania region.

The Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year Award, sponsored by *The Sentinel*, was awarded by *Sentinel* publisher Ruth Eddy to NuVisions. NuVisions is an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the visually impaired with a program that ranges from providing transportation and escorts, to counseling for lifestyle changes and conducting pre-school through adult vision screenings.

Kish's Community Impact Award, made annually to a Kish employee for the last 15 years, was made to Dave Coble, Branch Manager of the Bank's Belleville office. Coble has demonstrated his leadership commitment to the community by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity for many years. His work there includes helping to build Habitat homes, serving as a member of the board and as its treasurer, and providing financial counseling to residents of Habitat homes. Coble has also supported Kish's fundraising efforts to support Pink Zone by completing two 50-mile bike rides, and is an avid supporter of Rails to Trails.

Hayes wrapped up the celebration by expressing gratitude to all those recognized and attending. "The heartbeat of our community is inside each one of you. Every one of you who volunteers your talents, who commits your resources, who shares your enthusiasm ... makes a positive difference in this wonderful place we call home."



**L to R:** Coquese Washington, Head Coach of Penn State Women's Basketball and Kish Ambassador; Dr. Sean O'Donnell, Cancer Care Partnership Oncologist, Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute; Kirk Thomas, VP of Operations, Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital; Chris Gildea, Director of Marketing & Community Relations, JC Blair Hospital; Penny Shope, Breast Health Coordinator and Lead Mammography Technologist, JC Blair Hospital; and Matthew Hardy, Director of The Foundation for Mount Nittany Medical Center.

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