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## Keen Bank Partners with Community Pathways For Community Impact Month

September 29, 2025 (Waseca, MN) — September is Minnesota Bankers Community Impact Month and Keen Bank is excited to support Community Pathways. Nine bank officers spent Thursday afternoon volunteering at Community Pathways' food pantry and thrift store to serve the needs of the community. In addition, Keen Bank in Ellendale hosted a blood drive last month in support of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Impact Month's initiative of hosting or supporting blood drives to help boost the blood supply in our communities.

"We are thrilled to partner with Community Pathways and help them serve the needs of the Owatonna and surrounding communities," said Bernie Gaytko, President & CEO of Keen Bank. "Our leadership, board of directors and staff believe that sharing our time, talent and resources with our communities to make an impact is not only a priority but a responsibility. It strengthens our communities and we are proud to join with bankers across the state to volunteer our time for some impactful organizations."

In 2025, 83 banks, totaling over 400 branches with hundreds of passionate bank employees are joining forces to give back to 284 Minnesota communities. Community Impact Month was launched by the Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) in 2016. During the month participating MBA member banks engage employees in volunteer service activities, highlighting the vital role that banks play in their communities. For more information, visit [minnbankers.com/CommunityImpact](https://minnbankers.com/CommunityImpact).

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### About Keen Bank

Keen Bank is a local, family-owned and managed bank that has been proudly serving southern Minnesota since 1874 with three locations in Waseca, Owatonna and Ellendale. Their commitment to customers, responsiveness to find solutions and genuine willingness to help is the makeup of their organization. Keen Bank meets the needs of customers while maintaining the personal aspects of service that are synonymous with community banking. For more information visit [keen.bank](https://keen.bank). Member FDIC

### About MBA

The Minnesota Bankers Association is the state's largest trade association devoted exclusively to the representation of commercial banks. The MBA was founded in 1889 and represents 95 percent of Minnesota's chartered banks. The MBA is proud to support its member banks as they work to ensure vibrant communities throughout the state. For more information, visit [minnbankers.com](https://minnbankers.com).