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Founders Bank & Trust Maintains 4-Star Excellent Rating

Grand Rapids, Michigan (March 15, 2010) Laurie Beard, President and CEO of Founders Bank & Trust, proudly announces that Founders Bank & Trust has maintained its 4-Star *Excellent* Rating from BauerFinancial Inc., an independent bank rating firm, through the fourth quarter of 2009. A 4-Star Rating symbolizes excellence and a recommendation as one of the strongest banks servicing our community from one of the nation's leading bank rating firm for the past quarter of a century. Ratings are based on current and historical financial data including capital levels, profitability, historical trends, loan delinquencies, regulatory compliance, along with several other factors.

Beard commented, "We are proud to share positive local banking news. Our disciplined strategies throughout these tough economic times have served us well. As a result of our financial strength, our bank continues to grow and prosper. We believe in the power of community."

About Founders Bank & Trust

Founders Bank & Trust is a locally owned community bank specializing in a superior level of personal attention. Founders Bank & Trust has four convenient branch locations in the Grand Rapids area, and offers a wide range of Personal and Business Loans and Deposit products as well as Trust & Investment Management Services. For more information on Founders Bank & Trust, visit us online at www.foundersbt.com or call (616) 956-9030.