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Founders Bank & Trust Earns Five-Star Superior Rating

Grand Rapids, Michigan (June 9, 2011) Laurie Beard, President & CEO of Founders Bank & Trust, is pleased to announce that Founders Bank & Trust has earned a Five-Star *Superior* Rating from BauerFinancial, an independent financial institutions rating agency. A Five-Star Rating is the highest rating possible and includes a recommendation from Bauer that Founders Bank & Trust is one of the strongest banks serving our community. Ratings are based on current and historical financial data including capital levels, profitability, historical trends, loan delinquencies, regulatory compliance, along with several other factors. Founders Bank & Trust is the only bank in Kent County currently rated a Five Star bank by BauerFinancial.

Beard commented, “We are proud to share such positive local banking news. Our disciplined strategies throughout recent tough economic times have served us well. As a result of our financial strength, our bank continues to grow and prosper.”

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 foundersbt.com or call (616) 956-9030.

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