



Farmers & Merchants Bank's GIVE360 Project Empowers Employees

Farmers & Merchants Bank has put the power of donating in the hands of their employees. The GIVE360 Project launched in January allowing employees to donate \$500 in their name to a charity of their choosing. "The concept of the project is easy. Volunteer 10 hours in the community and we'll donate \$500 in our employee's name. We want to empower our Farmers' family to make a difference to a cause that means something personally. We've given back to our community for 3 generations. This project is who we are." states Peter Kujawa, CCO of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Donations from the GIVE360 Project have benefited causes such as the ccThrive-Tides Foundation, which strives to keep the passions and ambitions of childhood cancer survivors alive. "My son-in-law, Bryan Fletcher, was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 3. His passion for skiing kept him focused on beating cancer," says Bob Thorsen. "He's now a Bronze Medal Olympian in the Nordic Combined and due to compete in the 2018 Winter Olympics. ccThrive gives him the platform to encourage other children battling cancer to hold tight to their dreams."

The GIVE360 Project is slated to donate \$30,000 and over 600 volunteer hours by the end of the year.

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