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## Availa Foundation Continues Legacy of Caring 2021 total donations assist variety of local causes

Carroll, Iowa (January 19, 2022) Availa Bank is proud to announce the total amount of funds donated through the Availa Foundation this past year reached \$307,177, increasing the total funds donated since its inception to a total of \$3,681,996.

The Foundation's goal is to provide support to local charitable organizations that serve Availa Bank's branch communities. The foundation was established in 1966 as the Carroll County State Foundation. In 1987, the Citizens State Foundation was established to serve the needs of the Pocahontas community, later serving the Fort Dodge area as well. These two entities merged in 2017 to become the Availa Foundation that operates today. The Foundation is entirely funded by Availa Bank, with Foundation directors approving each contribution to qualified organizations.

Availa Bank President and CEO Jeff Scharfenkamp states, "The Availa Foundation is pleased to assist our local communities and the Foundation's efforts and commitments are a reflection of our obligation to give back to those we serve." Scharfenkamp also notes, "Many of our employees give countless hours of personal time to help their communities grow and prosper as well."

For more information about the Availa Foundation and other community work being done by Availa Bank, you can visit their website at [www.availa.bank](http://www.availa.bank).

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank's roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank's mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Arcadia, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Denison, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Pocahontas, Roland, Sioux City and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit [www.Availa.Bank](http://www.Availa.Bank). Member FDIC.