

Midland States Bank Helps to Improve Safety at Senior Community in Joliet

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Senior Crimestoppers Charter Presentation to be held on January 27, 2016, at 1:00 pm at Marycrest Village, 2115 Marmion Avenue in Joliet, Illinois.

JOLIET, ILLINOIS – January 8, 2016 – Residents of Marycrest Village in Joliet, Illinois, will live in a safer and even more secure environment with the help of Midland States Bank in Joliet. In 2013, Midland States Bank joined the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation, Inc., and continues to help protect seniors by funding Senior Crimestoppers programs for seniors residing in various care facilities, including Marycrest Village.

The Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation (SHCPF) is a national organization that serves as a conduit for banks to use to fulfill their federally mandated Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) requirements through providing aid to low and moderate income individuals in their local community. The Foundation's mission is to provide safe and secure living environments for our nation's senior nursing home residents, many of whom are low and moderate income individuals, through the operation of the nationally-acclaimed Senior Crimestoppers program.

Crime against the elderly in our society is a longstanding, constant battle that can be reduced and prevented through the operation of the Senior Crimestoppers program in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Senior Crimestoppers is a coordinated set of components that work together to create a zero tolerance to crime platform in senior housing facilities. Components include personal lockboxes for the residents, cash rewards up to \$1,000 paid anonymously for information about wrongdoing of any kind, and effective, on-going education and training for staff members and residents. Senior Crimestoppers has reduced all aspects of crime in participating facilities by 94%.

“Senior Crimestoppers is a way for an administrator to further enhance the lives of the residents they serve. They all work very hard to provide safe, secure, comfortable living environments and their desire to implement the program is just one more example of this. Implementing this program does not mean that the facility currently has a crime problem, but that the administrator is proactively finding a way to keep problems from occurring in the future,” said Terry Rooker, President of Senior Crimestoppers.

Leon J. Holschbach, President and CEO of Midland States Bank, stated, “We are pleased to help support an improvement to the quality of life for seniors. I can't think of a better way to allocate a portion of the dollars we reinvest back into our communities than to secure a successful Senior Crimestoppers program to help protect local seniors. We look forward to a continued relationship with the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation, Inc., and developing a longstanding relationship with Marycrest Village in Joliet and the residents it serves.”

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The Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation, Inc. and Midland States Bank will be holding a charter presentation at Marycrest Village on January 27, 2016, at 1:00 pm located at 2115 Marmion Avenue, in Joliet, Illinois. Members of the media and public are encouraged to attend.

About Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial holding company headquartered in Effingham, Illinois, and is the sole shareholder of Midland States Bank. Midland has assets of approximately \$2.8 billion, and its Midland Wealth Management Group has assets under administration of more than \$1.2 billion. Midland remains locally owned and provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, insurance and financial planning services. In addition, commercial equipment leasing services are provided through Heartland Business Credit, and multi-family and healthcare facility FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, its non-bank subsidiaries. Midland now has more than 70 locations across the U.S. As a community banking institution, Midland prides itself on establishing and maintaining excellent relationships with its customers and is

committed to serving the financial needs of its communities. For additional information, visit <http://www.midlandsb.com> or follow us on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

About the Senior Crimestoppers program

Senior Crimestoppers is a multi-faceted, crime prevention program that protects the elderly from theft, abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, and is administered by the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.SeniorCrimestoppers.com> or call 1-800-529-9096.

About The Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation (SHCPF)

Not only does the Foundation impact the lives of the elderly in long-term care facilities, we also impact the community outside of the long-term care industry through the CRA-qualified securities we purchase on behalf of our bank partners. As June 30, 2015, the community impact has reached approximately \$183 million which goes to provide affordable home mortgages for low-to-moderate income families, affordable healthcare services, small business development providing job creation, as well as other economic development projects. For more information about the Foundation, visit <http://www.SHCPFfoundation.org> or call 1-877-232-0859.

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