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Choice Bank Doubles Down with \$1MM Commitment to Trinity Catholic Schools

Dickinson, ND – Trinity Catholic Schools is proud to announce a new \$1MM commitment from Choice Bank, in support of the new early childhood center and elementary school located on the north campus of Trinity Junior High and High School.

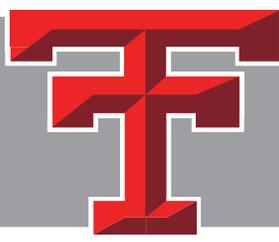
Included in this gift is the sponsorship of a new business education and leadership program for Trinity Junior High and High School students. Trinity students will have the opportunity for specialized study in financial literacy and leadership, culminating to a certificate of completion upon graduation from Trinity Catholic Schools. Choice Bank offers a similar program in East Grand Forks at Sacred Heart High School, and it has been well-received.

"It is so important for students today to have the opportunity to study financial literacy," said Zach Keller, Choice Bank Dickinson Location President. "We look forward to not only sharing information with students, but also giving them real-world opportunities to apply this knowledge."

Trinity Catholic Schools is proud to be the new home for Choice Bank's annual "Hoedown for Hospice fundraiser. Choice Bank's annual Hoedown for Hospice fundraiser helps provide funding for CHI Health at Home to offer end-of-life care for terminally ill patients and support for their families. As a not-for-profit organization, CHI Health at Home provides care to anyone who meets the medical guidelines for hospice care, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay. Choice Bank has held this fundraiser in Dickinson for the past six years

The annual hospice fundraiser was founded in Fargo, ND, in 2012 by Choice Bank in partnership with a local hospice care organization. This event has become a growing and key event for Choice Bank and the communities we live in. Over the last 10 years, Choice has raised over \$1,000,000 and expanded the event into Bismarck, Dickinson, and Grand Forks to support hospice organizations across the state and Choice Bank's #PeopleFirst mission.

"This partnership with Trinity Catholic Schools aligns with Choice Bank's commitment to serving our communities," said Brian Johnson, Choice Bank Chief Executive Officer. "We want to support Trinity Catholic Schools' educational values with our financial expertise to prepare students to go out into the world ready to make a difference."



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Trinity Catholic Schools began construction on a new early childhood center in March of 2022. This new building will house all preschool and prekindergarten programs, expanding their offerings and providing more options in Stark County, where licensed care is in short supply. The school contains eight classrooms on the first floor, with potential to house an additional section of kindergarten through fourth grade in the coming years.

“We are thrilled to partner with Choice Bank on this exciting new project,” said Marya Skaare, President of Trinity Catholic Schools. “Our new building allows us to right-size our existing offerings, making it possible to educate eighty students per grade from kindergarten through senior high, paving the way for these prekindergarten students to begin their elementary education in a Catholic environment, and this gift allows our older students to benefit from enhanced curriculum through our business program.”

Trinity Catholic Schools is expected to welcome students into the new building in the fall of 2023, and hopes to reach the fundraising finishing line on the \$8M project by the end of this year.

About Choice Bank

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