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Citywide Banks Remembers Its Chairman & Founder, Vince Schmitz



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Citywide Banks announced today that its Founder and Chairman of the Board, Vince Schmitz has passed away. Mr. Schmitz died peacefully on November 2, 2010, surrounded by his family. He has left behind a storied legacy of family, philanthropic endeavors, and the burgeoning banking business he co-founded over 45 years ago.

“Vince was a giant of a man that has impacted so many lives,” commented Kevin Quinn, President & CEO of Citywide Banks. “He has set a high standard for us all in this company, industry and in life.”

In 1963, Vince Schmitz co-founded and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aurora National Bank. Amidst his vision and guidance, the corporation grew substantially over the last four decades serving the financial needs of businesses and individuals across the Denver metro area. Mr. Schmitz was awarded the “Banker of Distinction” award and the Del Scott award by the Colorado Bankers Association. He also received Businessman of the Year, Humanitarian Award from the City of Aurora and Distinguished Alumni award from Regis University.

Today, Citywide Banks remains a family-owned bank with assets just under one billion. The company’s leadership team includes Marty Schmitz as Chairman, Jeff Schmitz as Executive Vice President & COO, Don Quinn as Chief Risk Officer, and Kevin Quinn as the bank’s President & CEO. The company operates out of 13 Denver area branches and has a handful of separate divisions, including residential mortgage financing and construction lending. The company also has an affiliated wealth management company.

“Our father brought Jeff and I into the business 15 years ago to ensure Citywide Banks would continue to serve our local businesses and individuals for many years to come,” expressed Marty Schmitz. “For more than 45 years, the Denver community has benefited from putting their

trust in Citywide Banks. Our entire leadership team remains steadfast in ensuring that trust never withers and our customers' deposits will stay in Colorado to help our local economy grow.”

Vince Schmitz will also be remembered for his tireless dedication in philanthropic endeavors. He had served on the Boards of numerous community organizations during his life. Five years ago, he and his wife, Marilyn, established the Schmitz Family Foundation to help those trying to help themselves by bettering their lives through education, primarily Catholic education. Their generosity has helped educate over 1200 elementary and high school students. Many of these students were the first in their family to graduate and go on to college. The Schmitz Family Foundation will continue to build on this legacy and provide support and hope for future generations.

Locally owned and operated, Citywide Banks has been serving the Denver area business community for more than 45 years. Specializing in value-added service, Citywide has over 250 employees providing commercial credit and cash management products through 13 branch locations across the metro area. For more information, please visit www.CitywideBanks.com.

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