





Minneapolis, MN March 5, 2020 – Village Bank is excited to announce that we have been chosen as a finalist in the Eighth Annual BOLD Awards, presented by the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth® (ACG.) The BOLD Awards honor and recognize the innovative and inspirational organizations that make Minnesota great. The program celebrates the corporate leaders and teams that are behind successful mergers and acquisitions, financing and extraordinary strategies that led to sustainability, remarkable

performance and/or accelerated growth. Corporate leaders and teams representing the finalists as well as other nominees from a group of about 100 stellar organizations, attended the BOLD Awards on Tuesday, February 25.

Village Bank developed the #ItTakesaVillage Entrepreneur Educational Series to ensure start-ups and small businesses have the knowledge and tools to achieve success. As a community bank committed to helping local business owners, Village Bank saw a need for educational opportunities to discuss the financial nuances of starting and running a business. Aleesha Webb, President and Vice Chairwoman at Village Bank, joined by entrepreneurs and business leaders Erin Newkirk, Amanda Brinkman, and Allison Kaplan, hosted events to discuss hard-won learnings, big ideas, and smart financial wisdom to pave the way of an entrepreneur's journey to success.

The **2020 Finalists** in each category were as follows:

Not for Profit: The Loft Literary Center, PCs for People, Playworks Early-Stage: Aguardion, Excelsior Energy Capital, HabitAware

Small & Growing: Ascent Solutions, Diversified Plastics, Inc., GO Growth Operators

Middle Market: Northbridge, PURIS, SeaChange Print Innovations

Large & Established: Starkey Hearing Technologies, Village Bank, Xcel Energy

Read Village Bank's full nomination here: villagebankonline.bank/BOLD

About Association for Corporate Growth

Founded in 1954, ACG has 59 chapters across the globe. The network consists of over 90,000 professionals. ACG Minnesota's chapter began in 1966 and has over 400 members active in Minnesota's vibrant, business community. ACG's mission is to drive middle-market growth. www.acg.org/minnesota

About Village Bank

Village Bank is a community bank headquartered in Blaine, Minnesota. Founded in 1993, Village Bank has a long legacy of building strong communities. The ultimate goal of Village Bank is to help customers and clients fulfill their dreams — whether it's buying a home, starting a business, saving for college or planning for their future. The bank has four physical locations in the Twin Cities area: Blaine, Ramsey, East Bethel and St. Francis. For more information on its products and services, visit villagebankonline.bank.

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