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Northwest Bank Makes Charitable Donation to Honor Customer James Bendel III, Recipient of an SBA Small Business Person of the Year Award

Washington, Pennsylvania (May 9, 2022) – At an award ceremony on May 6, Northwest Bank honored customer James (Jim) Bendel III as he was named the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Western Pennsylvania Veteran-Owned Small Business Person of the Year. The award was presented in conjunction with National Small Business Week.

Northwest presented Jim, owner of Crazy Horse Coffee in Washington, with a check in the amount of \$2,000 to support his charitable organization, Help-Hard, and specifically their efforts to aid the Colon Cancer Coalition.

Jim, a Purple Heart Army veteran, opened Crazy Horse Coffee in 2018 with the assistance of the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center and an SBA-backed loan from Northwest Bank. Jim also received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, offered through the SBA’s extensive COVID-19 relief package and administered by Northwest Bank. The loan enabled Crazy Horse to grow both its employee and customer base, as well as continue to support the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Northwest Bank is proud to support small businesses, veterans and communities, and we’re especially pleased to recognize Jim’s award with this charitable donation to help make a difference for those fighting colon cancer and their families,” said Julie Hughes, region president, Southwest Pennsylvania and Ohio, Northwest Bank.

About Northwest Bank

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