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First Bank & Trust Company

Embraces the Arts

Bertina Dew, Kingsport Ballet left;

Lee Houston, First Bank & Trust Co., right

July 20, 2011 First Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of First Bank & Trust Company, today announced participation in a project with the Kingsport Ballet.

Kingsport Ballet's waiting rooms and hallways were recently renovated into an art gallery which now provides a venue for local artists to display their work. The gallery, made possible by First Bank & Trust Company and other private donors, has transformed Kingsport Ballet's facility. *"The artwork provides further enrichment to the dance students and their families, enabling an arts-rich learning space"*, stated Executive Director, Bertina Dew.

Lee Houston, Vice President and Commercial Lender for the Bank added, *"First Bank & Trust Company values the relationship of belonging to a community. This donation demonstrates our dedication to the citizens and*

businesses in this community, and provides a way to say ‘thanks’ to the customers and friends who have been largely responsible for our support and growth in Kingsport and the surrounding area.”

About First Bank & Trust Company

First Bank & Trust Company, one of the top community banks in the United States, is a diversified financial services firm with office locations in southwest Virginia, northeast Tennessee, and New River and Shenandoah Valleys. Financial objectives are addressed by offering free checking products for personal and business accounts, and assessing lending solutions managed by mortgage, agricultural and commercial lending divisions. Comprehensive financial solutions are available through trust and brokerage service representatives.

About Kingsport Ballet

Kingsport Ballet is a non-profit, 501-c-3 organization, and is supported in part for general operations by the Tennessee Arts Commission under the General Assembly and under an agreement with the National Endowment for the Arts. KB's outreach programs are funded in part by the City of Kingsport, the East Tennessee Foundation, the Tennessee Arts Commission (Funds for Art Risk Youth), and the Massengil DeFriece Foundation

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