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First Community Bank opens in AJ/GOLD CANYON

Local, friendly and open for business, Gold Canyon Bank, the first community bank to open in Pinal County in 20 years, celebrated its grand opening last month.

Area residents flocked to the opening of the institution opting for hometown service. Bringing a management team and board of directors with a wealth of banking experience, the Gold Canyon Bank will focus on providing personalized service for customers, the kind of service uniquely offered by banks that have a vested interest in the community.

“The opportunity to be part of the first community bank in Gold Canyon is exhilarating. Most of my 30-plus years in banking have been in community banking providing products and services designed to meet the specific needs of the community,” said CEO Dan Govinsky.

Included in the management team will be Michael J. Day, as Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. Day has more than 20 years of banking experience in the Phoenix Metropolitan area and has been through development and start up of two banks.

Ed Emery, Senior Vice -President of lending has 39 years of banking experience. Emery’s career began at Chemical Bank in New York. He held the position’s of National Director of the loan workout group for Citibank and Credit Director for the Western Region of Citibank.

Debra Jusko, Vice- President has over 20 years of experience in all elements of bank operations and management. Her experience includes the strategic planning and successful opening of three DeNovo bank's in the Phoenix area.

Patti Pier, Vice President has an extensive background in compliance and operations. Her career in banking began at Arizona Bank in 1976 moving to Thunderbird Bank/ M & I in 1981. Pier most recently was the Assistant Vice- President for Valley Bank of Arizona.

Located at 6641 S. Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon Bank offers the same services as the big corporate banks but will have a decidedly personalized approach rooted in the community need. Services include state-of-the-art electronic banking, automated teller machines, credit and debit card, mortgage and consumer loans, checking service, investment products and small business lending.

“Not only can we offer superior customer service but with the focus on local families and businesses we are committed to the success of our customers and community by providing sound financial services with an emphasis on small business loans,” said Govinsky.

The bank's board of directors include a variety of experience with deep roots to the community. Board members include Aaron Saunders, owner and President of Aaron Saunders Investments, Peter Homenick, Principal Owner of PD James Associates, a mortgage broker firm. Peter has over 20 years of prior banking experience in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. Carlo Karim, general manager of the Gold Canyon Resort since 2001 and part owner. Glenna MCollum-Cloud, the Executive Director of the Chandler Education Foundation and Director of Nutrition at Central Arizona College and

President of Geoffrey Morgan, Inc., a real estate management and investment business.

Also seated on the board are Govinsky and Day.