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# **Clayton Bank and Trust's First Anniversary Celebration**

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KNOXVILLE, TN - Clayton Bank and Trust's main office, located on Market Street in downtown Knoxville, will celebrate its first year of operations on December 1<sup>st</sup>, announced principal shareholders, Jim and Kay Clayton, who said, "with 2,000 loyal client relationships, \$100 million in deposits, two new offices opened – and twelve planned - our wonderful team has enjoyed a successful first year".

Clayton Bank and Trust has well defined growth plans and will continue to expand its footprint in East Tennessee. "Our goal is to open at least 3 new stores during 2007, reaching 12 by 2009", said Matt Daniels, President and CEO. "We are delighted that The Greater Knoxville Community is supporting the area's only truly local family owned bank just as they have the Clayton home and auto enterprises founded as a small used car lot on Clinton Highway by Joe and me over 50 years ago. The success of our bank confirms again that East Tennessee is truly the best place in the world to build and operate a family business", said Chairman Jim Clayton.

"Clayton Bank and Trust and our Clayton Foundations are committed to support, promote and further develop the Tennessee communities which mean so much to our family. Jim and I happily devote our time and resources to cheer-leading the fantastic Clayton Bank and Clayton Foundation teams who share our mission to support education, health, economic growth, and job creation in the communities where we are blessed to reside and work", stated Kay Clayton.

Knoxville based Clayton Bank and Trust is one of the "Top 50 fastest growing companies in Tennessee" as awarded by Business TN Magazine. The 100% family owned community bank is focused on responding with quick local decisions to all business, family, and individual banking requests. With 25 offices in 10 cities, the growing bank has assets of \$700 million and 300 team members who provide an array of deposit, loan, mortgage and trust services across Tennessee.

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