

## Signature Bank Reflects On Successful First Year

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Signature Bank is celebrating a very successful first year.

The bank located at 6400 N. Northwest Hwy. in Chicago secured \$23.8 million in capital from individual investors to form the bank, representing the largest privately funded de novo capital raise in the state of Illinois.

"The community has been very supportive," said Michael O'Rourke, bank president and CEO. He said many of their customers come from Chicago, Niles and Park Ridge.

O'Rourke said that in order to give back to the community Signature Bank has been involved in various community events, such as volunteering at the Edison Park Fest this past summer. At this event,

they raised \$1,100 for Misericordia.

In September, Signature Bank announced that their customers can use any ATM at any location without being charged a fee.

"Signature Bank understands that it isn't always convenient to use your own bank's ATM every time and we think it is unfair to charge our customers for doing so,"

stated Michael O'Rourke, in a press release. "We pride ourselves on being Chicago's kind of bank and that means being customer-service driven."

The bank opened in August of 2006 and a grand opening was held in October.

Signature Bank is a full service commercial and retail bank, which offers a variety of services and products to meet

the needs of businesses, individuals and families in the community.

O'Rourke said that their team is comprised of people from all over the Chicago area to meet the needs of customers from the surrounding community.

"We're always looking to expand," shared O'Rourke.

A new branch is scheduled to open in the loop on Dec. 1.