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### Farmer's Bank of Milton Pledges \$15,000 to Stellar Efforts

The City of Madison, Farmer's Bank of Milton, and the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County announced today that Farmer's Bank of Milton has pledged \$15,000 toward the "Stellar Madison Fund" at the Community Foundation. Farmer's Bank of Milton has requested that their funds be focused on improving the Playground for All Children near Rucker Sports Complex on the hilltop.

The Stellar Madison Fund will be used to assist in bringing all of the Stellar projects to completion. Some of the projects included in the Stellar plan include finishing the Madison Connector trail, improving local parks, rehabilitating historic buildings like the Cotton Mill, and repairing and replacing sidewalks. The funds pledged and given to the Stellar Madison Fund at the Community Foundation will be split 65/35, with 65% of pledged funds going to projects immediately, while 35% will go toward a long-term fund to sustain the projects long into the future.

Farmer's Bank of Milton President & CEO Neil S. Bryan said, "Farmers Bank of Milton and our employees have always shared in the common interests of the communities in which we live and work. This partnership with the City and the Community Foundation is a natural way for us to help ensure the future success of Madison and Jefferson County." Farmer's Bank of Milton has one location on Madison's hilltop and one in Milton, Kentucky, with a total of five branches in Indiana and Kentucky.

"Farmer's Bank of Milton has shown its commitment to our community time and again through support of local agencies, nonprofits, and our parks department programs and facilities. I am grateful for their continued support and investment in the future of our community through the Stellar fund," said Mayor Damon Welch.

Other financial pledges will be announced in the coming weeks. Businesses and individuals that are interested in supporting the Stellar Madison Fund can contact Nicole Schell or Andrew Forrester at the Mayor's Office or Bill Barnes at the Community Foundation. Madison was designated as a Stellar Community in October 2017. More information about Stellar can be found at [www.stellarmadison.org](http://www.stellarmadison.org).

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Attached: check presentation photo. Pictured L to R: David Hertz, Executive VP & COO/Farmer's Bank of Milton, Ralph M. Pratt III, Board Chairman/Farmer's Bank of Milton, Neil S. Bryan, President & CEO/Farmer's Bank of Milton, Damon Welch/Mayor, Nicole Schell/City of Madison.