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Leading Local Mortgage Expert Cass Wolfenberger Named Head of Mortgage Banking for Northwest Bank and Fellow Foresight Financial Banks

Trusted mortgage leader steps into expanded role guiding home lending across all Foresight Financial community bank brands

Winnebago, IL – April 10, 2025 — Foresight Bank, operating under the umbrella of Foresight Financial Group, is pleased to announce Cass Wolfenberger as its new Head of Mortgage Banking. Cass began working with the organization in December 2024 in a consulting role with Northwest Bank of Rockford—Foresight’s top-producing mortgage lender. He now officially steps into a leadership role guiding mortgage strategy across all Foresight Financial community bank brands, including Northwest Bank, German American State Bank, Lena State Bank, State Bank of Davis, State Bank of Herscher, and State Bank of Freeport.

Together, these institutions form a strong regional presence and are in the process of consolidating into a single charter under Foresight Bank—an effort that will result in the region’s largest locally headquartered financial institution.

Cass brings more than two decades of experience in mortgage banking, having held senior roles with Alpine Bank, served as President and CEO of Town and Country Banc Mortgage Services, and most recently operated his own mortgage brokerage. Known for building strong, community-first mortgage teams, Cass has led some of the most active lending operations in the Rockford and Springfield areas—always with a focus on relationships, local expertise, and making the homebuying process easier for customers.

“I am excited to announce Cass as the head of our consolidated mortgage operations going forward. Cass has a long and distinguished career, including leading two mortgage teams with top market share in their regions,” said Jeff Hultman, President of Foresight Bank. “As we look to grow our mortgage business into the leading local provider of mortgage services, I am thankful to have such a well-respected, thoughtful, and strategic leader on board to drive our efforts forward.”

In his new role, Cass will help shape the future of mortgage lending across all Foresight communities. His focus will be on unifying and strengthening the customer experience—whether someone is buying their first home or refinancing, they’ll benefit from faster service, streamlined processes, and trusted, local support. He has also played a key role behind the scenes during this transition, helping teams remain focused on what matters most: serving customers well.

“I am truly honored to join the Foresight Financial Group organization,” said Cass Wolfenberger. “It’s an exciting time for the bank and the communities it serves as we leverage our combined strengths to offer more choice and convenience to customers across all markets. I look forward to leading this talented team and enhancing our position as a locally headquartered, community-focused mortgage lender.”

The charter consolidation is expected to be completed in 2025. Each bank will retain its local brand and community focus while gaining access to shared resources, technology, and expertise through the unified Foresight Bank structure.

About Foresight Financial Group, Inc.

Foresight Financial Group, Inc. is headquartered in Winnebago County in northwestern Illinois and reported total assets of \$1.63 billion as of December 31, 2024. Foresight’s subsidiary banks include Northwest Bank of Rockford; State Bank, Freeport; State Bank of Davis; German American State Bank, German Valley; Lena State Bank; and State Bank of Herscher. Foresight common stock is listed on the OTCQX Marketplace under the trading symbol “FGFH.”

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