

Bank of Central Florida Celebrates 5th Anniversary

(March 19, 2012 -- Lakeland, FL) --- Today marked a milestone for Bank of Central Florida as it celebrated its five year anniversary. During its first five years, the bank has experienced steady and rapid growth. When the bank opened its doors five years ago, it began with one office and nine employees. Since that time, the bank has grown to 50 employees, three offices and \$250 million in assets.

Bank of Central Florida's first office was opened in Downtown Lakeland. The following year, the bank opened its second office in Bartow and its third in South Lakeland in February 2009. In 2011, the bank's corporate headquarters was moved to the South Lakeland office, which now houses the organization's executive offices and operations.

A company picnic was held to commemorate the anniversary and to recognize directors and employees for their dedication to the organization and its mission. Paul Noris, President and CEO of Bank of Central Florida credits adherence to their core values for the bank's success. "The bank has not wavered from the core values we adopted the day we opened our doors in 2007," says Noris. "Everyday our bankers continue to provide exceptional client service using state of the art technology, honoring our motto of Intelligent Banking."