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GULFSIDE BANK WINS RISING STAR AWARD

Recognized by the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce as
Highest Performing New Company

SARASOTA, FL (July 8, 2021)—Gulfside Bank won the Rising Star Award at the Frank G. Berlin 2021 Small Business Awards presented by the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. The criteria for the Rising Star Award required applicants be within their first three years.

Rising Star Award sponsor Darrin Rohr from HH Staffing presented
the award to Gulfside Bank President and CEO, Dennis Murphy

"Everyone at the bank was extremely proud," shares Dennis Murphy, President and CEO of Gulfside Bank. "From our board of directors to our dedicated staff, we're not only elated to bring home the win, but we're honored to be recognized by the Chamber and its members!"

The award celebrates the highest preforming new company, who has exceeded initial targets for growth and financial performance; best demonstrated an understanding of their competitors, customers, and the markets they operate in; and has the foundations in place for continued commercial success.

Gulfside Bank sponsored the Small Business Awards Winner's Reception where the finalists and winners were able to mix and mingle with Chamber staff after the event.

From left to right: Brittany Lamont, Vice President of the Sarasota Chamber, Heather Kasten, President of the Sarasota Chamber, Dennis Murphy, President and CEO of Gulfside Bank, and Kristi Hoskinson, Vice President of CareerEdge.

ABOUT GULFSIDE BANK

Gulfside Bank is a full-service community bank in Sarasota, Florida, offering a variety of retail, commercial and private banking services. With deep roots in the community, Gulfside Bank is locally owned and managed, and is committed to building long-lasting relationships with its clients, no matter how big or how small. For more information, visit them online at **gulfsidebank.com**.

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