

Learn how The FISH! Philosophy helped to this hometown bank experience a significant increases in customer satisfaction levels.

Citizens First Bank

Citizens First Bank is a full-service personal and business financial institution with about 200 employees in six branches – all of whom take great pride in being Central Florida's favorite hometown bank.

Situation

Located in the heart of Central Florida within the affluent 55+ active-lifestyle community of The Villages, customer service and interaction at Citizens First Bank needs to model the balance of "Old Time Florida with a new mood" and feeling characteristic of The Villages lifestyle.

Objectives

- 1. Create a fun, pleasant, exciting work environment to effectively serve customers while building in accountability.
- 2. Reduce employee attrition and turnover by successfully attracting and retaining the best.
- 3. Become more aware, intuitive and flexible when dealing with customer concerns.
- 4. Help employees become more alive and engaged in their work as they live into The FISH! Philosophy practices.

FISH! Approach

- Infuse all banking environments with FISH!
- Make use of fun FISH! gear as tangible employee and customers reminders that FISH! lives at Citizens First Bank.
- Continue to generate fresh ideas to extend The FISH! Philosophy into delightful customer-service initiatives.

Fresh FISH! Experiences

- Creation of the "10-Foot Rule" which means all customers get a personal greeting within 10 feet of entering the bank.
- Walking customers to their vehicles with Pete the Perch.
- Creating a drive-through window for customers with golf carts.

"Since FISH! helps pull everyone together, working relationships are much more respectful and satisfying. Everyone comes to work in a better mood, with an open attitude. And all of us are having fun with stuffed Pete the Perches on our computers and wearing Pete lapel pins."

-Diana Bowles, VP and Branch Manager



Results

- 50% productivity increase.
- 50% less complaints.
- Significant increases in customer satisfaction levels.
- Significant transfer of client assets from competitive financial institutions in clients' hometowns to Citizens First Bank.

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