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# Huntington Bank Branch Opens to Serve Medical Mile in Downtown Grand Rapids

*Grand opening celebration includes display of more than 20 checks signed by historic figures including Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Gerald Ford*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Huntington Bank (NASDAQ: HBAN; [www.huntington.com](http://www.huntington.com)) has opened a new branch in downtown Grand Rapids. As part of the week-long Grand Opening celebration, Huntington is:

- Displaying more than 20 historic checks that have drawn great interest in every city in which they have been displayed
- Holding a drawing every day for giveaway of a new iPad
- Offering \$100 for every new consumer checking account
- Offering \$200 for every new business checking account
- Giving free lunch coupons to Smashburger restaurant for first 100 guests

The branch, located at 35 Michigan Street, is another step in Huntington's ongoing investment in downtown Grand Rapids. Previously Huntington financed the entire \$250 million health care complex project. In so doing, it has also developed an expertise in providing financial services for health care companies and physicians.

"We are committed to downtown Grand Rapids and to the people who work and live here," said Jim Dunlap, president of Huntington's West Michigan Region and regional and commercial banking director. "We continue to invest in the heart of the city because we want to maintain the vibrancy of the city and to help it create jobs.

"Our historic check collection has been very popular in the other cities in which it was showcased," said Dunlap. "We want to give everyone in Grand Rapids an opportunity to view the checks."

The Medical Mile is a complex which now includes the new Michigan State University's School of Human Medicine facilities. It also houses about 10,000 clinical, research, and administrative employees with Spectrum Health, the Van Andel Institute and the Grand Valley State University Nursing School.

Through Jim Dunlap's leadership, Huntington has been a prominent force in economic development in Grand Rapids. Dunlap is board chair of The RightPlace, Inc., a board member of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance and Business Leaders for Michigan, and a member of the executive committee of the West Michigan Policy Conference.

## About Huntington

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