

# MARQUETTE BANK

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## Employees of Marquette Bank Send Holiday Treats to Troops

*Local bank employees donate “creature comforts”  
to troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan*

Orland Park, IL (November 9, 2007) — Marquette Bank employees have donated over 225 holiday stockings filled with creature comforts to US Troops by partnering with Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois. Each Marquette Bank location and department collected donations over the past month and filled decorative stockings with food items, toiletries, disposable cameras and movies for the troops to enjoy over the holiday season. In addition to the stockings, there were twelve extra boxes of surplus food and toiletries also donated.

“The participation and generosity of Bank's employees was overwhelming,” said Georgeanne Krueger, Facilities Services Manager and donation coordinator on the project, “It really feels great to show support for the men and women serving in our armed forces by giving them a special treat from home over the holidays.”

The donated supplies will be delivered to the troops by Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois, a nonprofit organization founded in 2003. Along with each stocking, employees included holiday greetings and special notes of encouragement and thanks. Marquette Bank would like to encourage the public to help Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois through financial support, donations of supplies or by volunteering. For more information, visit their website at [www.osotil.org](http://www.osotil.org) or call 630-971-1150.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Marquette Bank employees pose with over 225 holiday stockings donated to Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois to be distributed to US Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan during the holiday season. Bottom row kneeling (left to right) Georgeanne Krueger, Jacqueline Kwilosz and Cesar Rodriguez. Top row standing (left to right) Fran Platt, Mike Banky, Debra Grant and Roy Tomlinson.

### About Marquette Bank

Marquette National Corporation is a \$1.6 billion diversified financial holding company for Marquette Bank. Marquette Bank has been a locally-operated bank providing personalized banking service since 1945. Marquette Bank is a full-service, customer-focused community bank that serves the financial needs of Chicagoland communities, offering an extensive line of financial products including retail banking, mortgages, trust and business banking, free Online Bill Pay and free Automated Telephone Banking. Marquette Bank's retail branches are located in Chicago, Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Lemont, New Lenox, Oak Lawn, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Romeoville and Summit, Illinois.

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