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Marquette Bank Employees Celebrate Holiday Season with Local Giving

*Employees of Marquette Bank help local charities and families
with gifts of toys, food, clothes, gift cards and donations*

Chicago, IL (December 21, 2007) — The employees of Marquette Bank made donations to twelve different local charities, totaling over \$7,000, making the holidays a little brighter for more than 22 families and 73 children. Marquette employees raised money through a fall rummage sale, employee donations and a grant from the Bank matching the employee's December donations. The employees also organized a food drive, a clothing drive and toy drive to benefit local churches and charities based in Marquette Bank's market area.

"Our employees are truly engaged in the community," said George Moncada, Marquette Bank President, "The Bank is proud to support our employees' charitable efforts, help local families and assist community organizations."

Holiday donations of toys, food, clothing, gift cards or cash went to twelve different community organizations including Catholic Charities' South Suburban Service, Lemont School District's Needy Family Program, Nativity BVM in Marquette Park, Orland Township's Food Pantry, Outreach Ministries in Englewood, Paul Hall's Ministry for Battered Women with Children, St. Gerald's Parish in Oak Lawn, St. Joseph Parish in Summit, Sisters of Saint Casimir Food Pantry in Marquette Park, Together We Cope in Tinley Park, Wellsprings Center for Hope in Ashburn and Worth Township's Christmas Care Program. Participation was high among Marquette Bank's 600 plus employees with every Bank department and all 24 branches taking part in the holiday giving projects.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Marquette Bank President, George Moncada (center) presents a check for \$2,640 to Curt Meyer, Vice President - Bookkeeping (left) and Jacqueline Kwilosz, Assistant Data Processing Manager (right) as part of the Marquette Bank Employee's December Fundraising Drive to help local families and charities.

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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