

# MARQUETTE BANK

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## Marquette Bank Aids Victims of Oak Forest Fire

### *Local Bank Makes Donation to Together We Cope*

Orland Park, IL (January 15, 2008) — Marquette Bank, a community-focused bank serving south and west Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, made a donation to Together We Cope to help residents of the 36-unit Oak Forest building that burned down on December 29<sup>th</sup>. The Bank and employees gave over \$5,250 in gift cards and supplies including clothes, food, personal care items, linens, toys, diapers and other household items.

“Our hearts go out to the people and neighbors who lost their home due to the fire,” said Barbara Graziano, Oak Forest resident and Vice President of Marquette Bank, “The Bank is proud to support Together We Cope, as they help the people displaced by the fire.”

The effort to raise funds and donation items was led by Marquette employees who live in Oak Forest and employees who work at the Bank’s Oak Forest location at 5700 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St. Together We Cope, a homeless prevention agency, works to assist, advocate, empower and encourage neighbors in need by providing food, shelter, clothing and referral information in times of crisis. Other companies and individuals interested in supporting Together We Cope, please call 1-708-633-5040 or visit [www.togetherwecope.org](http://www.togetherwecope.org).

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** To help displaced residents of the December 29<sup>th</sup> Oak Forest fire, Kathryn Straniero (center), Executive Director of Together We Cope, accepts over \$5,000 in gift card donations from Marquette Bank employees Diane Glatz (left), Oak Forest Branch Coordinator, and Barbara Graziano (right), Vice President & Director of Customer Service.

### **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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