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Marquette Bank Managers Volunteer at Greater Chicago Food Depository

Local Bank cooks up ways to help feed 36,479 of its neighbors

Chicago, IL (October 10, 2008) — Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, had twenty-six managers from the Bank volunteer to work a shift recently at the Greater Chicago Food Depository warehouse located on the south side of Chicago. During the past five months, the Bank has undertaken a number of projects to support the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including: a six-week Neighborhood Food Drive at all its Branches, as well as, a virtual food drive online, an employee and family “Hungry as a Bear” fundraising picnic (attended by almost 700 people) at the Brookfield Zoo along with last week’s volunteering effort to pack take-home bags of food for school children in low-income neighborhoods as part of the “Nourish for Knowledge” program.

“Hunger has always been an issue, but this year especially, we felt compelled to increase our efforts to help feed our neighbors by supporting the Greater Chicago Food Depository,” said George Moncada, Marquette Bank President and CEO. “In good times and bad times, Marquette Bank remains a stable, family-owned Bank committed to keeping our customers’ money safe and keeping our neighborhoods strong.”

The Bank’s food donation drive and fundraising efforts have helped the Greater Chicago Food Depository provide 36,479 meals to needy families and individuals throughout Chicagoland. Each year, the Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 500,000 adults and children.

“We are so thankful for Marquette Bank’s efforts in fighting hunger in our community,” said Kate Maehr, executive director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. “With food and fuel costs rising, more and more individuals and families are turning to pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to help make ends meet. The food and funds collected through the Marquette Bank Food Drive will put food on the table for men, women and children throughout Cook County.”

The Greater Chicago Food Depository makes the process easy to volunteer and accommodates individual volunteers or large groups each week, Tuesdays through Saturdays. To learn more about the Food Depository visit www.chicagosfoodbank.org or for more information on volunteer opportunities, please call 773-247-FOOD or e-mail the Volunteer Services Team at volunteerservices@gcfd.org.

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Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employee, Don Bonistalli, Senior Vice President, (smiling) helps pack weekend snacks for schoolchildren in low-income neighborhoods with twenty-five other Marquette Bank managers for the Greater Chicago Food Depository’s “Nourish for Knowledge” program.



Photo Caption: Twenty-six employees from Marquette Bank recently volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository's warehouse at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place as part of the Bank's initiative to fight hunger.



Photo Caption: Joyce Latkowski, Vice President, helps pack food donations after Marquette Bank's six-week long "Neighborhood Food Drive," supported by customers and employees of the Bank.



Photo Caption: George Moncada, Marquette Bank's President & CEO presents a check to Michelle DiSanto of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, along with Betty Kosky, Executive Vice President (left) and Madeline McCathy, Retail Banking Officer (right) who helped drive the Bank's donation and fundraising efforts, resulting in the Bank providing 36,479 meals through the Food Depository.

About the Greater Chicago Food Depository

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a nonprofit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 500,000 adults and children in Cook County every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed 46 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of 95,000 meals every day. The Food Depository's programs and services for children, older adults and the unemployed and underemployed address the root causes of hunger. For more information, log onto www.chicagosfoodbank.org or call 1-773-247-FOOD.

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 neighborhood 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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