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### **Marquette Bank Employees Volunteer with Share Your Soles**

Orland Park, IL (March 4, 2009) – Volunteers from Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, spent their Saturday washing, polishing and sorting shoes for The Share Your Soles Foundation, a local nonprofit with a global reach. Over 40 Bank employees and family members turned out to participate in the employee volunteer day, which took place at the Share Your Soles processing center in Alsip, IL.

The Share Your Soles Foundation was founded by Palos Park resident, Mona Purdy after a trip to Central America where she noticed how few children had access to shoes. Relying largely on the help of volunteers, the organization collects shoes at drop off locations and through shoe drives, then cleans and distributes the shoes both to Chicagoland residents who have need and to impoverished communities around the world.

“Our work with Share Your Soles reflects the generous spirit of Marquette Bank employees and our ongoing Bank-wide commitment to support local nonprofit organizations. The day provided a wonderful opportunity to connect to our local neighborhood and help people,” said Carol Steele, Vice President of Financial Sales at Marquette Bank’s Orland Park office, who volunteered with her granddaughter who is a junior in high school.

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“Share Your Soles serves an important mission and allowed many Bank employees to share the experience with their children and grandchildren, setting an example of public service and volunteerism for younger generations,” said Steele.

Share Your Soles relies on individual volunteers and corporate partners like Marquette Bank to meet the operational needs of the organization. The non-profit will hold their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Share Your Soles 5K/10K Run/Walk at Soldier Field on Sunday, May 31, 2009. To volunteer call 1-708-448-4469 or visit: [www.shareyoursoles.org](http://www.shareyoursoles.org).



Photo: Marquette Bank employees Yolanda White and Ledea Spears with Spears' goddaughter, Anjanique Monroe of the John D. Shoop Academy in Chicago, sort shoes while volunteering Saturday at Share Your Soles, an organization that collects, cleans and distributes shoes to those in need throughout Chicago, the suburbs and around the world.

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Photo: Marquette Bank employees and their family members volunteer their time Saturday to Share Your Soles, an organization that collects, cleans and distributes shoes to those in need throughout Chicago, the suburbs and around the world.

## *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. Marquette Bank customers have convenient free access to almost 40,000 Allpoint and Stars<sup>®</sup> ATMs

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*About The Share Your Soles Foundation:*

Share Your Soles is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3). Our mission is simple: To provide gently worn shoes to those in greatest need around the world. Our volunteer network is flourishing. We have touched the hearts of hundreds of thousands, and volunteers in more than 30 states have organized shoe drives and special events providing us the support necessary to put shoes on the soles of children and adults in the most impoverished areas of the world. Share Your Soles is not affiliated with any government, church, political group or other organization.

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