

# MARQUETTE BANK

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## **Marquette Bank Helps Fight Hunger During its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Food Drive**

*Neighborhood Bank generates donations of 58,090 meals to  
neighborhood food pantries and local food banks*

Orland Park, IL (June 22, 2009) — Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, finished up its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marquette Neighborhood Food Drive, which ran from May 4 through June 20, 2009. During this time, Marquette Bank, with the support of customers, employees and neighbors, helped provide over 58,000 meals to neighborhood food pantries and local food banks. These donations were distributed by the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) and the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) who partnered with the Bank on the 2009 Marquette Neighborhood Food Drive.

“Despite tough economic times, we were able to generate over 58,000 meals for the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Northern Illinois Food Bank, which was nearly double the amount we collected compared to last year.” said Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President of Retail Banking. “We are so proud of our employees, customers and neighbors who helped make this year’s Marquette Neighborhood Food Drive a success.”

Food donations were collected at every Marquette Bank branch with food barrels provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Online donations were made through a Virtual Food Drive that was accessible through the Marquette Bank website. Bank employees also volunteered their time at both the GCFD and NIFD, taking shifts packing food.

To cap off the Food Drive, Marquette Bank was the sole bank sponsor for the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger Walk held at the Chicago lakefront on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Hunger Walk benefited the depository's network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. With over 6000 walkers participating, it was the biggest turnout ever for the Hunger Walk.

The Marquette Neighborhood Food Drive was a part of the Bank's Marquette Neighborhood Commitment where each quarter the Bank focuses on a different area of need – shelter, hunger, education, and health/well-being. To find out how you can help the Greater Chicago Food Depository, visit [www.chicagofoodbank.org](http://www.chicagofoodbank.org) or how you can assist the Northern Illinois Food Bank, visit [www.northernillfoodbank.org](http://www.northernillfoodbank.org). For more information about Marquette Bank, visit [www.emarquettebank.com](http://www.emarquettebank.com) or call 1-888-254-9500.



**Photo Caption:** Nina Avila, Sr. Internet Marketing Specialist, poses inside a “One City – One Food Drive” donation barrel during Marquette Bank’s “Neighborhood Food Drive” which generated donations of over 58,000 meals to local food banks and neighborhood food pantries.



**Photo Caption:** Christie Cox, Assistant Vice President, helps pack food during a Marquette Bank volunteer shift at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.



**Photo Caption:** Marquette Bank walkers (left to right) Rhonda Hasse, Carol Wagge, Kim Wagge and Georgeanne Krueger lead the way at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger Walk hosted by Greater Chicago Food Depository.

***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 Starsf ATMs.

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