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Marquette Bank's Adopt-a-Family Project Gives Holiday Presents to Families in Need

Neighborhood Bank provides gifts to over 100 children this holiday season

Orland Park, IL (December 15, 2009) — To celebrate the holiday season, Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, held its Annual Adopt-a-Family Project. The employee-run project provides holiday gifts for families in need. This year, the Bank teamed up with 12 local organizations and fulfilled holiday wish lists for over 35 families, including more than 100 children.

“Our goal is to make the holidays a little brighter for local families this season” said Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President. “We are honored to have this opportunity to work alongside neighborhood organizations that serve residents in need every day.”

Marquette Bank and its employees helped raise money to purchase gifts for the Adopt-a-Family Project by hosting a garage sale and by participating in Bank-wide Jeans Days, for which employees could make a \$5 donation to wear jeans to work. Additionally, many employees volunteered their time by taking part in a “wrapping party,” where they spent a few hours after work wrapping gifts for the project.

Marquette Bank would like to recognize and thank the following organizations for their help and partnership in this year's Adopt-a-Family Project: St. Maurice Parish in Chicago, Together We Cope in Tinley Park, Breaking Free Inc. in Aurora, Roseland Christian Ministries in Chicago, Our Lady of Tepeyac Head Start in Chicago, Worth Township, Orland Township, Village of Romeoville, Catholic Charities in Chicago, Nativity BVM in Chicago, St. Gerald's in Oak Lawn and St. James Project – Queen of Peace in Chicago.

The Marquette Neighborhood Adopt-a-Family Project was part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment where each quarter the Bank focuses on a different area of need – shelter, hunger, education and health/well-being. Other health/well-being activities this quarter included: Marquette Bank’s Coat and Clothing Drive, which provided donated clothing and coats to families in need and the Adopt-a-Soldier Project, in which the Bank sent over 100 care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq. For more information about Marquette Bank and its Neighborhood Commitment, call 1-888-254-9500 or visit www.emarquettebank.com.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees Christie Cox (left) and Danielle Gorajski (right) were two of the group organizers for the Adopt-a-Family Project.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees help wrap gifts for the Adopt-a-Family Project at the employee wrapping party.

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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