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Marquette Bank Partners With Toy Box Connection

Neighborhood Bank and Local Non-Profit Organization Brighten Up the Holiday Season

Orland Park, IL (January 7, 2010) — Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, partnered with Toy Box Connection this holiday season as part of its Marquette Neighborhood Commitment. Toy Box Connection is a non-profit organization located in the south suburbs of Chicago dedicated to touching the lives of children through the gift of a toy. They connect families and businesses that have new or used toys to donate with the children that need them most.

During the holiday season, Toy Box Connection, with help from Marquette Bank employee volunteers, set up a gift wrapping table at the Orland Mall. Shoppers made a donation to Toy Box Connection in exchange for having their gifts wrapped by volunteers. Marquette Bank employees also volunteered at Toy Box Connection's warehouse, where they helped sort, clean and pack donated presents that were being sent to charitable organizations. Early in December, the Bank sponsored a holiday event for local children hosted by Toy Box Connection. The Bank supplied refreshments and volunteers to help with photos with Santa.

"This is not a 'me' charity, it is a 'we' charity," said Michelle Maxia, founder of Toy Box Connection. "Without the support of the community and businesses, such as Marquette Bank, and their volunteer efforts, we would not have the success we have today."

Marquette Bank and Toy Box Connection also worked together to deliver presents to children at Clara's House – a homeless shelter for families in Chicago. Bank employees helped Santa deliver the presents, supplied by Toy Box Connection, to over 40 children between the ages of 9 weeks and 18 years old at the shelter on December 23.

“Marquette Bank is proud to be a part of such a wonderful event with these two great organizations, Toy Box Connection and Clara's House,” said Jack Baker, Vice President of Commercial Banking. “We would especially like to thank Toy Box Connection for their help in providing all the toys to the children at Clara's House.”

Marquette Bank's partnership with Toy Box Connection is 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 local charities serving the neighborhoods; Marquette Bank's Adopt-a-Family Project, which provided holiday presents for 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. For more information about Toy Box Connection, visit their website www.toyboxconnection.com.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employee volunteer, Andy Pacocha, helps sort and pack donated toys during the holiday season at Toy Box Connection's warehouse in Orland Park.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees volunteer to wrap gifts at the Orland Mall in return for donations to Toy Box Connection, a local charity that provides gifts to children in need.



Photo Caption: Santa, Marquette Bank and Toy Box Connection delivered presents to over 40 children at Clara's House, a homeless shelter for families located in Chicago.

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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