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Marquette Bank Employees Share Their Soles and Help Local Charity

Neighborhood Bank donates shoes to area nonprofit.

Orland Park, IL (March 10, 2010) — Employees of Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, recently volunteered their time washing, sorting and packing shoes for The Share Your Soles Foundation, a local nonprofit, located in Alsip, IL. Over 30 employees and family members spent two days preparing shoes for shipment to Haiti and other communities in need.

This month, Marquette Bank also completed an employee-led Neighborhood Coat, Sock and Shoe Drive. In total, employees donated over 150 pairs of shoes and 90 coats. The shoes were donated to the Share Your Soles Foundation and the coats are being donated to several local charity organizations including Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Olive Missionary Shelter, Spanish Community Center and Hesed House.

“Both the Neighborhood Coat, Sock and Shoe drive and volunteer project at Share Your Soles are further examples of Marquette Bank’s Neighborhood Commitment, through which our generous and dedicated employees donate countless hours to local service projects,” said Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President. “We would like to thank the employees and their families who donated and volunteered to make these events so successful.”

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 shoes drives, then cleans and distributes the shoes both to Chicagoland residents who have need and to impoverished communities around the world.

Marquette Bank's partnership with Share Your Soles 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. Marquette Bank is celebrating its 65th Anniversary by challenging employees to complete 65 Acts of Kindness through performing service projects in their communities throughout 2010. The Bank would like to encourage local neighbors and businesses to help support Share Your Soles, by visiting www.shareyoursoles.org for details. For more information about Marquette Bank and its Neighborhood Commitment, visit www.emarquettebank.com or call 1-888-254-9500.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees (left to right) Joyce Callis, Danielle Gorajski, Georgeanne Kruger and Anne Thomas help organize items collected during the Marquette Bank Neighborhood Coat, Sock and Shoe Drive.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees volunteered their time washing, sorting and packing shoes for The Share Your Soles Foundation.

About Marquette Bank:

Marquette National Corporation is a \$1.7 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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