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Marquette Bank Honors Local Neighborhoods through 65 Acts of Kindness

2010 marks 65th year as a safe and reliable neighborhood bank

Orland Park, IL (January 15th, 2010) – In honor of its 65th Anniversary, Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, is launching ‘65 Acts of Kindness,’ an effort to complete at least 65 bank-supported acts of service in 2010. The program pays tribute to Marquette Bank’s long tradition of serving local neighborhoods and to recognize dedicated Bank employees that regularly engage in volunteer efforts in the neighborhoods in which they live and work.

“Because Marquette Bank has served local neighborhoods for 65 years, we have a deep understanding of neighborhood needs. Through our local lending to neighbors, families and business; our products that help customers understand budgeting and manage their finances; and through the volunteer efforts of our Marquette Neighborhood Commitment, we are dedicated to making our neighborhoods a better place,” said Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President. “Giving back to our neighborhoods with ‘65 Acts of Kindness’ is a natural way to observe our 65th Anniversary as a reliable neighborhood bank.”

The ‘65 Acts of Kindness’ initiative is part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment where each quarter, the Bank and Marquette employees focus efforts on a different area of need: shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness.

One of Marquette Bank’s flagship neighborhood programs is the Marquette Bank Education Foundation (MBEF) Scholarship Program which, since its inception in 1967, has contributed over \$2 million to graduating seniors from local high schools. This year’s Scholarship Program will award 54 scholarships and scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

“We look forward to continuing our tradition of helping local high school students pursue their higher education goals. Through the MBEF Scholarship Program we aim to support students who demonstrate not only academic strength but an interest in serving their local neighborhood, a quality of particular importance to Marquette Bank and our employees.” said Kosky-Harn.

Other examples of Marquette Neighborhood Commitment include:

- Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) – Employees volunteer monthly during the cold months (October through May) purchasing, preparing and serving meals to guests;
- Annual Neighborhood Food Drive – In May and June the Bank and its 24 area branches collect donations for neighborhood food pantries and area food banks;
- Running for Hope 5k Run/Walk – On June 6th this year, the Bank will be the main sponsor for the Annual Running for Hope 5k Run/Walk to benefit the Diabetic Clinic at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital and nearby Ronald McDonald House® in Oak Lawn;
- Marquette Employee PINKnic Fundraiser – Employees organize an event supporting the American Cancer Society, raising funds for breast cancer research and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk to be held October 17th, 2010 in Orland Park
- Marquette Bank Adopt a Soldier Project – Employees donate, pack and send food, entertainment and personal care items to US Soldiers stationed overseas for the holidays

Throughout 2010, Marquette Bank will host small celebrations in branch neighborhoods to honor the Bank’s 65th Anniversary and will continue to find ways to serve local residents in need through ‘65 Acts of Kindness’ and beyond. For more information about the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment visit www.emarquettebank.com/neighborhood and for more information about Marquette Bank’s 65th Anniversary visit www.emarquettebank.com/65years.

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 Starf ATMs.

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