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Marquette Bank Launches School Supply Drive and Prize Drawing for Neighborhood Classrooms

Local Bank shifts focus to Education as part of its Neighborhood Commitment

Orland Park, IL (July 19, 2010) — Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, began its Education quarter on July 1st as part of the Bank's Neighborhood Commitment, a bank-wide effort that focuses on a different area of need each quarter: shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness. Through September, Marquette Bank will focus its efforts on various education-related activities including a School Supply Drive and an Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing.

Customers, employees, neighbors, and businesses can donate schools supplies at all 24 Marquette Bank locations through August 14th. The supplies will be used to benefit local schools, individual students and school-related organizations in need of supplies for the upcoming school year. There is a demand for backpacks, binders, boxes of tissue, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, dictionaries, erasers, flash cards, folders, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, highlighters, paper towels, pencils/pens, rulers, sanitary wipes, scissors, spiral notebooks, washable markers and other school-related items. The Bank recently held a pancake breakfast to raise money to purchase supplies. The items will be donated to students in need through local schools, churches and after-school programs.

Marquette Bank is also holding an Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing, which runs from July 12 to September 18. During this time, local teachers and parents can enter to win a \$200 gift card that can be used to purchase school supplies for an elementary, junior high or high school classroom chosen by the lucky winner. In all, 24 Chicagoland classrooms, one from each branch location, will be chosen at random and the teacher will be able to choose how the money is spent for their classroom.

“The Neighborhood School Supply Drive and Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing are great ways for Marquette Bank employees, customers and members of the neighborhood to help local schools to prepare for the new school year,” said Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President. “As a neighborhood bank, we feel strongly about supporting local area students, schools and organizations.”

In addition to the Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing and School Supply Drive, Marquette Bank has a number of other initiatives aimed at supporting local schools and students. Most notably, the Bank recently continued a 44-year tradition of providing scholarships to graduating seniors from neighborhood high schools around Marquette Bank locations through its Marquette Bank Education Foundation Scholarship Program. This year, 54 seniors were awarded individual scholarships of \$3,500 resulting in \$189,000 being awarded.



Photo Caption: 2010 Marquette Bank Education Foundation Scholars – since 1967 Marquette Bank has awarded over \$2.2 million in scholarships to 1,227 students.



Photo Caption: Marquette Bank employees hold a Pancake Breakfast at the Marquette Corporate Center to raise money for their Annual School Supply Drive – the Bank is accepting donations at all 24 branches until mid-August.

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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