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Charleston, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers who personally exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities.

Peoples Bank & Trust has chosen One Stop Community Christmas as its Volunteer of the Quarter. One Stop Community Christmas is a collaborative effort of over 200 area organizations who come together at Christmas time to provide help and hope to families from seven area counties (Coles, Cumberland, Shelby, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar and Clark).

One Stop Community Christmas started in 2011. The Salvation Army hosted the event in 2011 and 2012. In 2013, it was moved to the West Building at Lake Land College and it continues to be a successful holiday event. In 2017 One Stop Community Christmas helped 1,081 families and provided a wonderful Christmas for 2,436 children! Parents and caregivers will find a variety of items to choose from – toys, blankets, games, books, pajamas, diapers, personal items, gift wrap, bags, bows and more, plus all they need for their Christmas dinner.

This event continues to bring together civic leaders and community-minded people whose passion and hard work make this a successful event year after year. One Stop Community Christmas welcomes volunteers and donations. If you'd like to help, please go to www.onestopcc.org for an online volunteer application or to make a donation. Every dollar makes a difference!

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring One Stop Community Christmas with a donation and have placed its name on a plaque which is displayed in the bank's lobby. Peoples Bank and Trust has honored area volunteers in Charleston for the past eight years and One Stop Community Christmas is the 34th volunteer recognized by the Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples Bank & Trust is a full-service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.

