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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.

Kathy Hummel has been chosen as Peoples Bank & Trust's Volunteer of the Quarter. Kathy is well known as a dedicated and very talented volunteer in the Charleston area.

Kathy has been a member of PEO for the past 28 years, serving as President, VP, Secretary, yearbook producer and Newsletter Chair. She is very involved at Wesley United Methodist Church. Kathy has sung in the choir for 34 years, has been the VBS Crafts Director for 13 years, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher and a participant in the "Basket Ministry" program which delivers thoughtful baskets to their homebound members. She also helps organize the church's rummage sale which funds youth community work in Appalachia. Kathy is also on the Board of Five Mile House Foundation, organizes the Charleston 4th Grade Classes visitation to Five Mile House each spring and is co-editor of their newsletter and Facebook page.

Kathy is on the Advisory Board for the Academy for Lifelong Learning at EIU. She is also the Academy's Hospice Care Choir organizer and manager. Kathy is a Master Gardener and has written monthly articles for the local newspaper for 19 years. For the past five years she has been the organizer of marigold planting for 200 first graders from Carl Sandburg School. The children pot their seeds during the end-of-the-year field trip at Fox Ridge. She has also organized the Master Gardeners spring plant sale for seven years.

She has been a regular volunteer at the Coles County Habitat for Humanity ReStore for the past three years. Prior to the store opening, she organized their annual rummage sale. Kathy is a member of the Drama Study Club, takes piano lessons and is Assistant Editor of the German Gun Collectors Association's magazine.

Previously she was a tutor and pen pal at Carl Sandburg School where she had taught for 30 years. She organizes the 3rd grade Greenwood School Christmas program where the children pretend they are attending a one-room school in the 1930s. She was on a committee to promote city-wide recycling and is a member of 100 Women Who Care philanthropic group. Kathy and her husband, Dick, have hosted fundraising open houses at their country home for CASA and the Charleston Public Library.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring Kathy with a donation to Five Mile House and have placed her name on a plaque which is displayed in the bank's lobby. Kathy is the twenty-ninth volunteer recognized by the Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust.

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