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

Kristy Armstrong has been chosen as the current Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter for her work with the Buckle Up for Brooklyn seat belt campaign. Armstrong speaks to students at Glenwood High School on a regular basis about the importance of wearing their seat belts. Her daughter, Brooklyn Hope Armstrong, died after being thrown from a vehicle during a horrific car accident in late December 2013. Brooklyn was not wearing her seat belt and her mother said she would always wear it, but nobody knows why she wasn't this time. The message is clear – wear your seat belt, every single time you are in a vehicle, no matter what.

Armstrong donated the \$250 she was awarded as Volunteer of the Quarter to The Angel of Hope organization in Springfield. The Angel of Hope Statue is located in the Washington Park Botanical Garden in Springfield and provides bereaved families a place to remember and honor the children they have lost. Children's names are honored on a Memorial Wall located behind the angel statue. The current wall is full, according to Springfield Angel of Hope President Doug Reynolds and there are plans for expansion with the addition of two memorial walls.

Along with the monetary donation, Kristy's name will be placed on a plaque displayed at the bank, to honor her voluntary services.

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