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Pana, 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 outstanding community members for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

The Tim and Jennifer Christer family, the Wes and Amanda Horton family and the Pana Running Club have been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for their work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). The Christer's son, Bo and the Horton's daughter, Faith have both been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes or T1D and continue to lead active lives as a result of medical advances supported by JDRF research and development. The Christer and Horton families have supported JDRF financially over the past several years with fundraising efforts through cookouts held at the Christer's Save-A-Lot grocery store.

Members of the Pana Running Club (PRC) became JDRF supporters through the 2018 Chicago Marathon entry process. Last fall, four PRC members, Kyle Anderson, Jessica Miller, Juletta Ellis and Craig Deere applied for entry into the 2018 Chicago Marathon Lottery. Anderson and Miller were randomly selected to run the Marathon; however, Ellis and Deere were not selected. An alternative to the lottery selection was to fundraise and run on behalf of a charity. Anderson noticed that JDRF was one of the charities accepting runners for their team. Anderson said, "When we saw JDRF was a participating charity, we thought it would be a great opportunity to team up with the Christer and Horton families with their fundraising efforts while supporting two of our PRC members with their goal to run in the 2018 Chicago Marathon." The Christer's and Horton's graciously welcomed PRC to join in their fundraising effort. **The cookout will take place at Pana Save-A-Lot this Saturday, July 28th from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.** All proceeds will go directly to JDRF in the name of Ellis and Deere to help them meet their fundraising goal of \$1,500 each. If you are unable to make the cookout, donations can be made by contacting Juletta Ellis (jellis@panaschools.com) or Craig Deere (cdeere@bankpbt.com) or you can donate via the JDRF.org website on the "donate" tab by choosing "support a fundraiser" and "run/endurance" and then entering Juletta or Craig's name.

In honor of this group's volunteer work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF), Peoples Bank & Trust has made a donation to their fundraising effort and their names will be placed on a plaque displayed at the Bank.

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