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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.

We have chosen The Community Mission Center (CMC) as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. The Community Mission Center has been in operation for over five years and is an incorporated (501C3) non-profit organization consisting of a volunteer Board of Directors. Board Members include John Metzger, President; Linda Dunseth, Secretary; Jolene Beyers, Treasurer, Marilyn Gabhart, Director; Peggy Heaton, Georgia Culumber, Pastor Steve Palmer, Pastor Kurt Feneley, Becky Carter-Beeson and Cindy Latonis. The personnel at the Center are all volunteers and under the Supervision of the CMC Director, Marilyn Gabhart.

The CMC is a central point for the collection and distribution of clothing, furniture, household items and personal hygiene items to those in need in Pana and surrounding communities. The Center has served over 2,800 households, with an average family of 5. Over 13,000 clients have been served since opening in 2010. The CMC is a donation based organization. Other programs offered are the Share N Care for Kids (food for weekends), Warm Hearts (coats for kids), Back to School Bash (school supplies) and Servant's Fund (assistance with utilities).

The CMC has purchased a new building at 133 South Locust. The remodeling is complete, however, due to some roof problems the move to the new location has been postponed until March. The CMC continues to operate at their current location, 34 South Locust Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to donate items may drop them off at the store during their normal hours. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be dropped off or mailed to P.O. Box 75, Pana, IL 62557

In honor of their service to the community, Peoples Bank & Trust has made a donation to the Community Mission Center and their name has been placed on a plaque displayed at the main bank.

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