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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 Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters as its current Volunteer of the Quarter. Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters is a not-for-profit youth serving organization that connects adult volunteers with local youth to help them realize their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships.

BBBS began in Coles County in 1975 serving primarily Little Brothers and has since grown to include Littles Sisters as the programming and service area continues to expand.

There are four major programs that BBBS offers and those are the community-based program, school based program, sports buddies program, and the virtual mentoring program.

You can volunteer to be a Big for a few hours a week or month; you can give a Little the invaluable gift of your friendship. By simply changing his or her perspective of what the world can offer, you can literally start changing his or her life. Sometimes it's as simple as playing video games, going to a museum, or just hanging out together.

Anyone interested in getting involved can reach out to their office at 217-348-8741 or visit their website JoinSomethingBig.org for more information.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters 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 Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters is the 43rd 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.