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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.

Claire Schafer has been chosen as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021. Last summer, Claire began making macramé keychains as a fundraiser for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. She got the idea to do a fundraiser after most of the runners could not participate last year due to the pandemic and she wanted to help with a donation. She became interested in macramé after doing a 4H project. She began by making 50 keychains in various colors and planned to sell them for a minimum donation of \$5.00 to friends and family and donate the money in honor of her favorite Memphis to Peoria runners as they ran through Pana this year. Some of her cousins participate in the event annually. Little did she know that the response would be so great that she had to order more supplies and eventually made and sold 300 keychains.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Claire presented her \$2000 donation to the Memphis to Peoria runners when they stopped in Assumption. Claire is glad she decided to do this project and hopes to contribute again next year in some way.

In honor of Claire's creative volunteer service, Peoples Bank made a donation to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and her name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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