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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.

The Compass for Kids program has been selected as the current Volunteers of the Quarter. Compass for Kids is a not-for-profit organization that provides academic and social-emotional support to underserved children in the Springfield public schools.

Compass for Kids was founded in 2011 specifically for homeless children to remove the barriers they face in participating in after-school and summer programs. They developed the first Backpack Feeding Program in the country. They have continued to grow and now offers three school year and summer programs. Club Compass, is an after school program for elementary school children. This program focuses on developing social, emotional and leadership skills. Students take part in many hand-on activities. Camp Compass, a free summer learning program designed to prevent summer learning loss and improve reading and math skills. The children are also learn about different cultures, ideas and interest with attending Camp Compass. Camp Care-A-Lot, a five-day residential camp held in August each year. It offers a unique opportunity for children to help them achieve their future goals and live healthier and safer lives.

Compass for Kids welcomes volunteers and community support with the various programs. Information can be found on their website compass4kids.org or by contacting 217-691-8103.

Peoples Bank & Trust has made a donation to the Compass for Kids program and their name will be placed on a plaque displayed at the bank.

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