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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 Volunteers of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2021. The Community Mission Center has been in operation for 11 years and is an incorporated (501C3) non-profit organization consisting of a volunteer Board of Directors. Board Members include John Metzger, President, Linda Dunseth, Grant Coordinator, Becky Carter-Beeson, VP/Sec., Jolene Beyers, Treasurer, Peggy Heaton, Georgia Culumber, Ron McMillan, Georgeann Henschen, Joel Jackle-Hugh and Angie Miller, Directors. Joni Perry is the Backroom Supervisor and Judy Clawson is the Floor Supervisor.

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 averages 85 shoppers each day open. In 2020 the center was able to help over 3,000 individuals even though the center had to be closed a number of days due to the covid pandemic. In 2019 they served 4,238 individuals. 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 is a donation-based organization.

The CMC is located at 133 South Locust. They are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and the 1st Monday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to donate items may drop them off during those hours, or monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 75, Pana, IL 62557. The group has recently made some structural updates to the building by adding steel siding to the south side. This will cover the exposed brick wall, which was suffering damage from the elements. They also welcome donations to offset this expense.

In honor of their volunteer services, Peoples Bank made a donation to the Community Mission Center to help with the construction expense and their names will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the 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.