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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 an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

We have chosen Jesus Loves You Ministries as our Peoples Bank & Trust's Volunteers of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2022. Jesus Loves You Ministries was founded in 2007 by Stacey Shallenbarger. It is a 501C3 not for profit organization that provides services to residents of Christian County affected by drug addiction. They provide transportation for court dates, in and out patient drug treatment and other necessary appointments. They also provide love, support and encouragement to anyone who has made the decision to overcome their battle with drug addiction.

During this holiday season, Jesus Loves You Ministries works to make Christmas special for their ministry families. They have several families who has a parent enrolled in inpatient rehabilitation services and can't provide Christmas for their children. They also have several orphaned children who have lost a parent due to drug addiction. The group provides a Christmas party for all the children and families with pizza, games and crafts for the kids, music and gifts. As the children leave for the night, they stop at a table full of goodies and fill their stockings. They are in desperate need of donations to make this Christmas special for the children. This year's party will be held on December 16th.

The Jesus Loves You Ministries Board is comprised of Barb Tipsword, President; Bob Smith, Vice President; Gayle Perry, Treasurer, Stacey Shallenbarger, Acting Secretary and Board members, Peggy Heaton, Kevin Kennedy and Arlene Glick.

In honor of the group's volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a monetary donation to the Jesus Loves You Ministries and a plaque with their names will be placed on display at the bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Tower Hill, Charleston, Waverly, Morrisonville, Palmyra, White Hall and Springfield. 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.