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Waverly, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers and organizations that exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities. The recipients of these awards are chosen by the employees of the local branch.

Jonathan Mies of Waverly has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his many hours of volunteer service in the community. Jonathan enjoys helping wherever and whenever he can.

He enjoys delivering meals once a month with the Bread of Love program for Senior Citizens in Waverly. He said that he has met some very nice people in Waverly. He also had a fun time this summer helping with the recreation at Waverly First UMC Bible School. He also helps in other ways at the church, whenever he is asked. Jonathan enjoyed volunteering in Waverly at the newly organized "Feeding the Families" program. Again, he met several very nice people and helped by carrying in items, setting up and cleaning up. He said that he recently was able to help make cocoa at the football game, since there were so many people there to see that fantastic game against Pittsfield.

Jonathan volunteers outside of Waverly also. He volunteers with the Knights of Columbus in Springfield with Friday night fish fries and helps with the Tootsie Roll sales in September and October. He has helped put out flags on the gravesites at Camp Butler Cemetery on Memorial Day. His Boy Scout troop has a section of a street in Springfield off Dirksen Drive that they clean by picking up the trash. He also helped serve pancakes at maple syrup time for Lincoln Memorial Garden. He has also helped with the fall festival there too.

Jonathan is an Athletic Leader for Illinois Special Olympics, which means he volunteers time to spread the news about Special Olympic programs to organizations. He helps set up and take down at various Special Olympic events. He has spoken at the Policy Academy and participates in the Torch Run with the cops. He plays golf and basketball with the Special Olympic "Chatham Chargers". Jonathan also helps with the Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society. He especially loves playing with the younger children at the meetings. He has helped with the Golf Outing and the Buddy Walk as well as other events.

Jonathan was very grateful for his recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter. He said, "Thank you for recognizing me, especially through October – Down Syndrome Awareness Month."

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring Jonathan for his community service with a donation to Illinois Special Olympics Chatham Chargers. His name has been added to a Volunteer of the Quarter plaque, which is displayed in the bank's lobby.

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