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Altamont, 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.

Vicki Robinson has been chosen as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 3rd qtr of 2025 for her work with the Baby Bottle project.

Vicki has helped with the Baby Bottle project for over 10 years and truly enjoys it. It is quite a process. Every year, she calls the eleven churches that she is responsible for to verify the number of bottles they need and that they will help support the program again that year. Those numbers are turned into the Family Life Center and they ready the boxes for each church. Vicki picks up the bottles and delivers them to the churches before Mother's Day. The churches then set them out on Mother's Day. A couple of weeks after Father's Day, Vicki collects them from the churches. The coins from each bottle is shook out into a bucket for that specific church, then taken to Peoples Bank where they bring out a cart to carry in the heavy load and then run them through the coin counting machine. A Cashier's check is issued from each church to FLC; where it helps to support three different pro- life centers in Effingham, Newton and Shelbyville. Vicki said, "We are very grateful for the wonderful support we get from the community on this project each year."

In the fall Vicki hosts a table for the Family Life Banquet, which is their biggest fundraiser to help support the three centers. She has been doing what she can to help support life. Vicki has helped make Braille bibles -now large print bibles-for several years. Just this spring, she took over calling people from her church each month to work on the books, as well as helping to make the bibles and devotions herself, which go all over the world and even to prisons. She loves doing this.

For 13 years, Vicki has belonged to a Christ care group from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont. Once a month, on Sunday, they go to Lutheran Care Center and do a church service for them. It is their prayer that it is as rewarding for them as it is for their group.

Many years ago, Vicki read a book on being an encourager. It said send a card to people when they are going thru a hard time. She thought cards are kind of expensive, so her daughter helped her download a bible verse app on her phone and she started sending bible verses to people she knew who were going thru cancer treatments or just

a hard time. Vicki sends to over 20 people each day. Everyone needs to be encouraged.

Vicki has hosted Sisters in Christs Bible Study weekly in her home for almost 10 years. This has also been very enriching. They study Gods word and are there each week to support each other thru life's ups and downs. They laugh, cry and pray for each other.

Vicki said, "Although I do appreciate this honor from Peoples Bank, I would not have accepted it if it were not for the donation to my favorite charity. There are lots of people who volunteer way more than I do. The volunteering I do is to serve my Lord and be his hands, feet and show his love on this earth. Thank you very much for the honor you have given me but please give the honor to Him not me."

Peoples Bank & Trust will be honoring Vicki Robinson with a monetary donation to the Family Life Center and her name will also be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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