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Springfield, 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 individuals who have exhibited a commitment to community service through volunteer work.

Peoples Bank & Trust has selected Scott and Toni Honnen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter for their work with Refuge Ranch.

Scott and Toni Honnen have been involved with the Refuge Ranch since around 2015. They came to Refuge as a retired couple with very little horse experience. However, they fell in love with the mission and have put in the incredible hard work to learn every facet of the mission and ministry.

For years, they have come faithfully to every possible training in horsemanship and trauma informed care. They have served in the Adaptive Riding program; they both serve as one to one mentors to youth in Bridges, our Equine Assisted Mentoring program. They oversee a chore shift to care for our entire herd every Wednesday morning. They also serve at nearly every special event that the ranch hosts, from serving pancakes at our annual pancake breakfast to leading horse rides at the Mane Event and Christmas at the Ranch. The way they love and serve this ministry and the families it serves is so incredibly above and beyond!

Refuge Ranch is located in Rochester, IL. It was found in 2008 for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with at-risk youth. It offers a mentoring program and a special needs riding program.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring the Honnen's for their community service with a donation to the Refuge Ranch and their names will be added to a Volunteer of the Quarter plaque, which is displayed in the bank's lobby.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with thirteen offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Arthur, Arcola, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Tuscola, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples Bank & Trust is a full-service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.