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Pana, Ill. – September 24, 2026 – As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To spotlight, commend and promote this volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to acknowledge an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts and dedication to our community.

The Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank & Trust is proud to announce that it is recognizing local resident, Diana Taylor, as their Volunteer of the Quarter for her commitment to community service through volunteer work.

Diana is married with two children, two dogs, and a cat, and has been proud to call Charleston home since 2007. Her family moved to the community when her husband accepted a position as an English Professor at Eastern Illinois University. Over the years, Charleston has truly become home for their family, and volunteering in the community has given her an opportunity to give back to the place they have called home for nearly two decades.

She is currently in her ninth year at Eastern Illinois University, with the past four years serving as a Career Counselor in the Office of Career Services. Diana's connection to the Charleston community has also been strengthened through her children's involvement in local activities and athletics. My oldest child, Rhi, graduated from Charleston High School in 2022 after participating for four years in the CHS Trojets and CHS Track & Field. My son, Quinn, graduated in 2026 after four years in the CHS Basketball and CHS Baseball programs.

Diana's journey in community volunteering began in 2018 when she joined both the Charleston Junior Football League (CJFL) Board and the Trojan Booster Club. She served five years on the CJFL Board from 2018-2023, including four years as Concession Chair and three years as Treasurer. This year marks her ninth year serving on the Trojan Booster Club Board. During that time, she has had the opportunity to serve in a variety of roles, including Membership Chair, Golf Classic Chair, Glo-Bingo Chair, Merchandise Chair, Social Media Chair, and Sponsorship Chair. She also had the privilege of serving as President for the past five years. Although she recently stepped down as President, Diana continues to serve as the Glo-Bingo Chair and remain involved whenever she can lend a hand.

Volunteering has allowed her to support the students, athletes, families, and organizations that make the Charleston community special. What began as a way to support her children and their activities has grown into a meaningful commitment to giving back to the community that has given so much to their family.

In honor of Diana's volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a \$250 donation to the Trojan Booster Club and Diana's name has been placed on a plaque displayed at the Bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust is a locally owned and managed, independent community bank with thirteen offices located in Charleston, Altamont, Arcola, Arthur, Tower Hill, Pana, Taylorville, Tuscola, Morrisonville, Springfield, Waverly, Palmyra, and White Hall.

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