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**HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN KICKING OFF 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL 'BANK TO BANK' HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE WITH OTHER AREA BANKS ON OCTOBER 15; Three Truckloads of Food Collected in 2008 Drive**

Collinsville, Ill., September 1, 2009 -- For the second consecutive year, Home Federal Savings & Loan and other banks serving the Collinsville, Maryville and Troy areas are coming together to help feed the less fortunate in our community during the upcoming holiday season. From October 15 – November 2, 2009, employees and customers of Home Federal and other participating banks in the '2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BANK TO BANK FOOD DRIVE' will collect food donations in their lobbies to benefit three local area food banks. Items to be collected include:

- Cereal, coffee, flour, sugar, sauces, canned vegetables, tuna, beans, napkins, toilet paper

All donations will be collected on **November 2, 2009** and distributed by Home Federal employees to the following food banks:

- Maryville Outreach Center
- Collinsville Food Partners
- Ministries United (Troy)

Last year ten area banks collected three truckloads of foodstuffs and hundreds of dollars in cash that were donated to area food banks. Participating banks in 2008 included:

- Home Federal Savings & Loan
- Collinsville Building & Loan Association
- First Collinsville Bank
- First National Bank
- GCS Federal Credit Union
- Regions Bank
- The Bank of Edwardsville
- UMB Bank

- US Bank
- Shell Community Credit Union.

For more information on the 2009 food drive, contact Julie Embrich at 344-9650.

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