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500+ POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED AND DONATED TO FOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES IN SECOND ANNUAL ‘BANK TO BANK’ FOOD DRIVE; Home Federal Savings & Loan Employees Organize Project with Eight Local Banks

Collinsville, Ill., November 11, 2009 – Employees of eight local banks serving the Collinsville, Troy and Maryville areas recently collected and donated more than 500 pounds of holiday foodstuffs to four local food pantries and community centers serving the needy in the second annual ‘Bank To Bank Food Drive.’

Home Federal Savings & Loan employees coordinated the food collection efforts among the participating banks during October, and then delivered the donated food to the Maryville Outreach Center, Collinsville Food Pantries, Ministries Unlimited (in Troy) and Lighthouse Harvest Missions in State Park Place in early November.

Participating banks in the second annual Bank To Bank Food Drive include:

- Home Federal Savings & Loan
- Collinsville Building & Loan Association
- First Collinsville Bank
- First National Bank in Staunton
- GCS Federal Credit Union
- The Bank of Edwardsville
- UMB Bank
- Shell Community Credit Union

“We would like to thank all the participating banks, their employees and their customers who made this food drive a success,” said Julie Embrich, assistant manager of Home Federal’s Maryville branch and lead organizer of the food drive. “Banks are keenly aware of the impact the recession is having on the needy, and we hope that this food drive shows that we care about everyone in the communities we serve.”

Home Federal Savings & Loan offers a full range of savings accounts, checking accounts, home loans, property improvement loans, IRAs and CDs for individuals and families. Founded in 1887, Home Federal has two locations in Collinsville and Maryville.