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**EMPLOYEES OF TEN AREA BANKS DONATE TRUCKLOADS OF FOOD TO  
THREE LOCAL FOOD BANKS IN THE FIRST ANNUAL ‘BANK TO BANK’  
FOOD DRIVE; Home Federal Savings & Loan Employees Organize and  
Administer Successful Project**

Collinsville, Ill., December 15, 2008 – Employees at ten local banks and other financial institutions serving the Collinsville, Troy and Maryville areas recently collected and donated three truckloads of holiday foodstuffs and hundreds of dollars to three local food pantries serving the needy in the first annual ‘Bank To Bank Food Drive.’

Organized by employees of Home Federal Savings & Loan, hundreds of pounds of food items including cereal, coffee, flour, sugar, sauces, canned vegetables, tuna, beans, napkins and toilet paper were collected during November at participating bank locations and then donated directly to the Maryville Outreach Center, Collinsville Food Pantries and Ministries Unlimited (Troy) in early December.

Banks and their employees participating in the Bank To Bank Food Drive include:

- 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

“The strong response to this food drive by these banks’ employees went well beyond everyone’s expectations,” said Julie Embrich, assistant manager of Home Federal’s Maryville branch and lead organizer of the food drive. “These banks and their employees stepped up and helped those less fortunate in our community to add hope to their holiday season. We thank everyone involved for their support.”

Home Federal donated \$250 to the Maryville Outreach Center on top of its employees' involvement.

“We’re proud of our employees’ initiative on this public service project, and we want to show our appreciation,” said Nancy Lochmann, president of Home Federal. “We hope this will become an annual holiday season project for everyone involved.”

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