

**TWO HOME FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HELP HOMELESS RECEIVE BASIC SERVICES AT 'PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT' ON DECEMBER 2 IN ALTON**

Julie Embrich and Dana Fleming of Home Federal Savings & Loan's Maryville branch recently helped provide dozens of local homeless families to receive much-needed food and clothing. On December 2, the two Home Federal employees staffed a booth from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. as volunteers at the Madison County Continuum of Care's Project Homeless Connect event held at the Alton Salvation Army.

For the second consecutive year, Project Homeless Connect provided food, clothing, toiletries, medical exams, mental health and other screenings, as well as HIV/AIDS testing, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Madison County. More than 100 people received services at this year's event.

"We got involved this year thanks to the encouragement of long-time Home Federal customer Sandy Harris, who works for Chestnut Health Systems, a co-sponsor of the event," says Embrich. "The people were really very appreciative of everything offered to them. We are definitely planning to participate next year, and we're already beginning to collect donations of coats to distribute at next year's event."

Donations of used coats are being collected over the coming year at Home Federal's Maryville branch, located at 2110 North Center Road in Maryville. For more information, contact Julie Embrich at 344-9650.

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