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Charleston, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize individuals who have exhibited a commitment to community service through volunteer work.

Peoples Bank & Trust has selected Chastity Parker of Charleston as a 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter. Chastity is the Director of Development at CCAR Industries in Charleston where she has worked for 23 years. In that capacity, she has been closely involved with their community outreach, including coordinating their scholarship program, mentoring student interns, and raising funds to help support CCAR's nonprofit programs that serve over 300 children and adults with disabilities across east central Illinois.

She has volunteered her time in the community through the Kiwanis Club of Charleston where she served as the charter President from 2014 to 2016 and has held various board roles in the years since. Chastity has helped organize and volunteered for many of the Club's service projects for children including their scholarship program for Charleston High School students, recreational activities with Mid Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters youth, and the Club's fundraisers that benefit the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation and other charitable children's causes.

Chastity has previously served on the board of Camp New Hope in Neoga. She is a Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Diplomat and has volunteered to serve on their committees and help with their events, including the Tour de Charleston, for several years.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring Chastity Parker for her community service with a donation to CCAR Industries. Her name has been added to a Volunteer of the Quarter plaque, which is displayed in the bank's lobby. Chastity is the 53rd volunteer recognized by the Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples Bank & Trust is a full-service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.