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BANTERRA BANK AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE DONATE MORE THAN \$25,000 TO CHARITIES SUPPORTING CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN THROUGH ECLIPSE GLASSES SALES

Marion, IL – Banterra utilized their locations in six states to distribute glasses for April 8th solar eclipse for a minimum donation of \$2 each. More than \$25,000 was raised to help illuminate hope for critically ill children, with donations going to non-profit organizations Granted and Make-A-Wish.

"At Banterra, we are always looking for opportunities to support our communities and to raise funds for important charities," said Jeff May, President and CEO of Banterra Bank. "The eclipse was a historic event, especially for our Midwest states. We knew that Banterra could be a nice resource for providing our communities with proper eclipse glasses while also giving back to the charities. We are grateful to those who donated to help make this such a success."

Following the eclipse event, Banterra asked their team members to recycle (or return unused) glasses to the marketing department, so they could be shipped to an organization in need. Banterra took the returned eclipse glasses to the City of Marion, Illinois so they could be mailed to Astronomers Without Borders for the viewing of other eclipse events throughout the world.

Banterra understands the significance in giving back to communities. In addition to volunteer hours and leadership on boards and committees, Banterra contributes the largest part of their marketing budget annually to charities and civic organizations. Additionally, unique from other banks, Banterra promotes charities throughout the year at all of their locations, each month either raising funds, awareness or both for charities who serve their communities. Visit Banterra.bank or your nearest branch to learn more about each month's charity and how you can get involved.

ABOUT BANTERRA BANK

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra has more than \$3 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Eight Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Five Percent for Illinois Charter Banks according to asset size. Banterra has 40 locations in Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Utah. In addition to offering a variety of personal and business banking products, Banterra provides services nationwide through specialty lending including Aircraft Finance, Machine Tool Finance, Corporate, RV and Marine Lending as well as specific regional lending for Agriculture and Healthcare industry needs. Banterra also offers Banterra Insurance and Investment services. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.bank.

ABOUT GRANTED

Granted is a community-based nonprofit located in Evansville, Indiana. Two local residents, Carl Wallace and Carolyn Pfaffmann, founded the organization with a mission to grant once-in-a-lifetime wishes for local children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening or terminal conditions. Serving a population of over one million people, Granted works to make wishes come true for children residing in the areas of Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois, and Western Kentucky.

ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH

Founded in 1980, Make-A-Wish is a well-known and trusted non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with critical illnesses, bringing hope, strength, and joy into their lives. It began with the wish of one child, seven-year-old Christopher James Greicius, who wanted to be a police officer and his Phoenix community came together to make his wish come true. The organization was formed and believes that wishes provide children and families with hope through dark times, strength to persevere and experiences that forever change their lives.

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