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BANTERRA BANK DONATES \$25,000 TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS; RECEIVES NAMING RIGHTS TO COMPUTER LAB IN NEW MARION FACILITY

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank*, who donated \$35,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Southern Illinois (BGCSI) in September 2020, is donating another \$25,000 to the organization in support of their new Marion facility which will open June 2021. The sponsorship includes naming rights of the new club's computer lab. The Marion club, located at 2706 W. Main Street in Marion, Illinois, was a former church and is the fifth BGCSI site in Southern Illinois (other four locations are in Carbondale).

"We couldn't be more pleased to be able to support Boys and Girls Club of Southern Illinois again in a significant way," said Jeff May, president of Banterra. "There was a tremendous need for a Boys and Girls Club in Marion, a city where Banterra has four branches as well as administrative offices. We want to do everything we can to support the communities where our customers and team members live and work."

"A partnership with Banterra means better outcomes for the youth of Southern Illinois and more specifically in Williamson County," said Tina Carpenter, Chief Executive Officer. "This donation will help us impact more youth realize their full potential, with more opportunities and access, and we appreciate the support of our new facility in Marion."

The new Marion facility will have a fine arts center with stage that is next to a game room. Banterra received room naming rights to the computer lab (The Banterra Computer Lab), as did other corporate sponsors for other rooms such as "The Black Diamond Teen Center" which is a separate space for teens. The facility also offers four program rooms, three offices, a kitchen and outdoor features including a pavilion. Additional naming-right sponsorships are still available.

Banterra's contribution is part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois's fundraising campaign of \$400,000 for the new Marion facility, which includes \$175,000 for renovations, \$100,000 for operations and \$125,000 for a building fund for phase two needs. If interested in volunteering or donating to Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois, visit bgcsi.org or call 833-457-8877.

ABOUT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

BGCSI is a comprehensive youth development agency serving youth throughout Southern Illinois. Creating a new and brighter future for thousands of young people, this youth development program emphasizes career and academic preparedness, character and good citizenship and healthy lifestyles. It assists young people ages 5–18 reach their full potential. The organization has four locations in Carbondale with the Marion location opening this summer.

ABOUT BANTERRA BANK

Banterra Bank supports a variety of charities through donations, promotions, volunteerism and charity fundraisers in their branches throughout the year. *Banterra Bank* began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, *Banterra* has more than \$2 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Ten Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Five Percent for Illinois Charter Banks, according to asset size. *Banterra* has 40 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Arizona. In addition to offering a variety of personal and business banking products, *Banterra* provides services nationwide through specialty lending divisions including Aircraft Finance, Machine Tool Finance, Corporate, Transportation and RV and Marine Lending. *Banterra* also offers *Banterra* Insurance for auto, home, life, business and *Banterra* Investment services. For information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.com.

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