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IN HONOR OF BANTERRA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY, BANTERRA BANK DONATES \$50,000 TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PLUS OTHER SUPPORT NEEDS TO KICK-OFF THE NON-PROFIT'S RESURGENCE

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank*, one of the top community banks in the nation and proudly based in Southern Illinois, has celebrated their 50th anniversary this year in multiple ways, including a recent \$50,000 donation to Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois. Banterra has made this financial donation due to the importance of rebuilding this important non-profit for Southern Illinois and in hopes of sparking other companies to also support the charity's funding needs. In addition to this donation, Banterra has purchased new t-shirts for all of the kids in the program and will be promoting the organization in a TV spot featuring Banterra's SIU Saluki Visa Debit Card and SIU NIL athlete Caden Hawkins from Carterville, Illinois.

"The Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois offers thousands of young people in our communities the opportunity for a better future," said Jeff May, president of Banterra. "We have been fortunate to help local communities thrive for 50 years and we make every effort to support the youth in the areas that we serve. We hope our donation will be both useful and energizing as this organization makes a resurgence in Carbondale and Marion."

Dr. LaShonda Hubert was appointed as the new CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois just over a year ago and she is grateful for Banterra's generous donation. "I've learned quickly that Southern Illinois is a region of caring people who support each other," said Hubert. "Banterra Bank has shown that in so many ways throughout our communities and I'm grateful that they wanted to make a donation of this level empowering us to serve more families in our community. Our Clubs depend on the financial support of corporations like Banterra in order to help our youth reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens."

A donation to Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois was not the only charity donation made by Banterra to help celebrate their 50th anniversary. The bank celebrated in their branches throughout July and raised money for the food pantry at Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Paducah Cooperative Ministry and Special Olympics Missouri. Banterra gives more than \$1 million annually to local charities, organizations and education institutions.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

For nearly twenty years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois (BGCSI) has provided safe, inclusive educational spaces, research-based programming, and supportive adult mentors to thousands of young people in our communities. BGCSI has highly qualified and trained Youth Development Professionals and volunteers who deliver daily programs for K-12 youth in the following Core Program areas: Health & Wellness, Fitness, Character & Leadership, Education & Career Development, Life Skills, The Arts, Sports & Recreation, and Service Learning. With locations in Carbondale and Marion, BGCSI is able to tailor programs to meet the needs of the youth throughout Southern Illinois by providing a range of curricula, high yield activities, and proven best practice youth development enrichment developed in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

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 both U.S. Charter Banks and 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 divisions including Aircraft Finance, Machine Tool Finance and RV and Marine Lending. Banterra also offers Banterra Insurance and Banterra Investment services. For information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.bank.