



COMMUNITY BANK COLLECTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BENEFIT LOCAL STUDENTS

ROCKFORD, IL (September 30, 2009)—Blackhawk Bank received enough donations during its annual school supply drive to provide more than 74 local students with the appropriate tools to help them learn. Donations of cash or supplies were received from the bank's clients as well as its employees.

The school supplies were delivered to schools in Rock, Winnebago and Boone counties.

"During this time of economic turbulence, many families in our community are already struggling to provide basic needs, and back-to-school costs only increase that burden," said Terri Burdick, senior vice president, administration & operations at Blackhawk Bank. "We are so grateful to all the Blackhawk clients and employees who donated to this important cause and helped some disadvantaged children get the tools they need to learn and succeed."

Blackhawk operates eight banking centers in Beloit, WI; Roscoe, Machesney Park, Rockford, Belvidere and Capron, IL. For more information about the bank, log onto www.blackhawkbank.com.

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