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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Monroe Bank's 15<sup>th</sup> Year Volunteering in United Way's  
Annual Day of Action**

**Banking centers close at noon on April 14<sup>th</sup> EXCEPT FOR the  
drive-through Kirkwood Auto Banking Center at 306 E. Kirkwood Ave.  
and the banking center inside Marsh at 1825 N. Kinser Pike.  
Both will remain open with regular business hours for the full day.**

BLOOMINGTON, IND., – Monroe Bank (NASDAQ:MROE) is closing the majority of its banking centers in Monroe County on Wednesday afternoon, April 14<sup>th</sup> for a half-day so that employees can participate in volunteer projects across the community as part of United Way's Day of Action.

Monroe Bank President and CEO, Mark Bradford, will be volunteering along with 90 of his employees. "This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that Monroe Bank has provided paid time off to allow teams of employees to volunteer," says Bradford. "Monroe Bank is proud of its involvement with the people and communities of Indiana. We recognize our responsibility and are proud to support them. Our employees also take pride in being part of an organization that makes a difference, and our customers recognize that we try to make our communities a better place to live and work. At the same time, we'll continue to serve our customer's needs by keeping services open at two banking centers".

Bradford and the 90 Monroe Bank volunteers will be attending the Campaign Celebration and picnic at Upper Cascades that United Way of Monroe County will be hosting from 11:30am to 1:00 pm to celebrate the day of community service. After this, Bradford will roll up his sleeves and make his way to Wonderlab to complete his assignment - spread mulch, weed and sweep.

The banking centers that will remain open are the drive-through Kirkwood Auto Branch at 306 E. Kirkwood and the banking center inside Marsh at 1825 N. Kinser Pike. Both will remain open with regular business hours for the full day. The other banking centers will close at noon.

"Volunteer activities are important at Monroe Bank. One way the Bank serves its communities is by recognizing employees who take part in local service. Many of the

Bank's employees serve on the boards of community organizations and take leadership roles within their towns," adds Bradford. "We have found that Monroe Bank employees forge stronger relationships with each other while working on these projects. In addition, they become familiar with the marvelous services that non-profits provide and as a result, have become advocates for these organizations. The Bank, in turn, tries to provide financial support to the agencies our employees endorse."

Monroe Bank's 18-year-old volunteer program tracks hours to document the time donated by Bank employees. At the end of the year, the Bank honors its volunteers by recognizing their contributions to their communities. For the year ended June 2009, employees volunteered over 7,500 hours.

The Bedford banking center will also be participating in volunteer activities and will be assisting at the Otis Park Golf Course. The Bedford banking center will also close at noon for the duration of the afternoon and reopen for business as usual the following day.

Monroe Bancorp, headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, is an Indiana bank holding company with Monroe Bank as its wholly owned subsidiary. Monroe Bank was established in Bloomington in 1892 and offers a full range of financial, trust and investment services through its 17 offices in Central and South Central Indiana. The Company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Stock Market under the symbol MROE.

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### **Media Note**

#### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES (ideal time for photos is between 1:00 and 3:30 pm)**

1. American Red Cross: Red Cross: 411 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bloomington
2. Amethyst House: 645 N. Walnut Street, Bloomington
3. Big Brothers, Big Sisters, 418 S. Walnut, Bloomington
4. Born Learning Distribution: Various locations – contact United Way for these.
5. Boy & Girls Club Ellettsville: 200 E. Association Street, Suite 300, Ellettsville
6. Campus View Childcare: 800 N. Union #009, Bloomington
7. Middle Way House @ The Rise: 401 S. Washington Street, Bloomington
8. Penny Lane Daycare West: 1920 S Yost Ave, Bloomington
9. Stonebelt-Maxwell & Festive Drives: 1835 S. Maxwell Street and 3502 Festive Drive, Bloomington
10. Stonebelt-Southern & Miller Drives: 214 Southern Drive and 713 E. Miller Drive, Bloomington
11. Stonebelt-Blackstone Ct.: 4417 Blackstone Ct and 1006 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington
12. Volunteers in Medicine: 811 W. Second Street, Bloomington
13. WonderLab: 308 W. Fourth Street, Bloomington
14. Youth Service Bureau: 615 S. Adams Street, Bloomington