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**SNBT to hold Contribution Reception & Holiday Open House**

Over the past few years, society has been bombarded with bad news in terms of the economy, unemployment, and business problems. In spite of all of that, our local non-profit organizations have persevered to help hundreds of people right here in our communities. In gratitude of their hard work, The Stephenson National Bank & Trust (SNBT) is hosting an appreciation event to thank them for their endless support within our communities.

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, SNBT will celebrate the season with a Holiday Open House and Contribution Reception. The Holiday Open House is open to the public and will take place at all locations with refreshments served until 5:00 p.m. Special time will be set aside at 3:30 p.m. for a Contribution Reception to honor sixteen organizations at the 1820 Hall Avenue, Marinette location.

“It’s the people in any organization who really make the difference, that’s why I’m honored to host this event so we can reflect on those experiences,” said Dan Peterson, SNBT Executive Vice President. “It takes a great deal of commitment passion, motivation, and sacrifice to truly make a difference, and those are just a few of the qualities that make these organizations so beneficial in our community.”

The bank increased its donation budget for 2012, distributing \$68,000 to over 100 area organizations; that money stays within our community and is dispersed for local projects.

“We are proud of the contributions we make throughout the year, but they pale in comparison to the effort put forth by these groups,” continued Peterson. “These organizations touch the lives of so many people in our communities in countless ways. Unfortunately, sometimes these services can be taken for granted; which is why we make it a point to honor them through this reception.”

The emphasis on community service is a long-standing tradition at SNBT, a mission that is carried out by providing rent-free office space to non-profit groups at The Stephenson National Bank & Trust Community Center. In addition, bank



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employees embody this mission as well, by pledging over 6,700 hours of community service across 103 organizations this year alone.

Local organizations that will receive contributions at the reception are: American Red Cross, Christian Manna Food Program, Crime Stoppers of Marinette County, Greater M&M YMCA, Marinette County Historical Society, Menominee Catholic Central School, Northern Lights Master Gardeners, Oconto Hospital Citizens Foundation, Rainbow House, Respite Care, River Cities Pool Association, Salvation Army, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, St. Vincent DePaul, Tri-City Area United Way, Trinity Lutheran School, and Twin Counties Free Clinic.

The Stephenson National Bank & Trust is a 138-year old independent community bank with \$750 million in Bank, Mortgage, and Trust & Investment assets under management. Offices are located in Marinette and Oconto, Wis. and Menominee, Mich. with a Trust & Investment Office in Marquette, Mich. For more information about The Stephenson National Bank & Trust visit [www.snbt.com](http://www.snbt.com).

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