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**BANTERRA BANK DONATES HISTORIC, THREE-STORY, DOWNTOWN PADUCAH BUILDING  
TO PADUCAH-McCRACKEN COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
FOR RETAIL AND FUTURE OFFICE USE**

Paducah, KY – Banterra Bank announced today at a news conference that they are donating the three-story, approximate 3,545-square-foot building located at 313 Broadway to Paducah-McCracken County’s Habitat for Humanity. The local Habitat for Humanity organization will immediately begin renovations and plan to relocate their ReStore retail facility to this location by Fall 2014.

“We are thrilled to receive this generous donation from Banterra Bank,” said Angie Wilke, Executive Director of Paducah-McCracken County Habitat For Humanity. “Our ReStore facility currently is extremely limited due to its minimal square footage, and this building will not only provide plenty of space, but also offer exceptional visibility with its location in the heart of downtown Paducah.”

The historic building at 313 Broadway was constructed in 1897 and most recently housed the Bernard Lewis & Co. jewelry store which began in this location in 1982. The building, as of March 26, 2014, has an appraised value of \$135,000.

“We were given the opportunity to make a difference in the Paducah community and with an important charity organization like Habitat for Humanity with an asset that we owned,” said Jeff May, President of Banterra Bank. “While we are based in Southern Illinois with more than 30 locations in four states, we have two Paducah banking center locations and are fortunate to have Paducah-residents as part of our Banterra team and customer base and we strive to give back to this wonderful community.”

Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The local ReStore will now be a part of Downtown Paducah’s revitalization and join important efforts such as Paducah’s Main Street Program which has been in place locally for more than 20 years, as well as neighbor to nearby popular Lower Town Arts District. ReStore not only offers a fundraising opportunity for the charity, but also offers economic development for downtown Paducah and historical preservation and reuse opportunities to the community due to the donated items it receives. This is particularly beneficial to Paducah’s restoration efforts of the historic downtown area.

“Downtown revitalization must involve a variety of groups throughout the community to be successful. Different groups have different interests in the downtown. And, while each may have a particular focus, all groups ultimately share the common goal of revitalizing our historic commercial district and its resources,” said Sandra Wilson, Paducah City Commissioner.

“The incorporation of a ReStore location in historic downtown Paducah will be a complimentary asset to one of our goals of sustainability and the reuse of building materials. We appreciate the vision and generosity of Banterra Bank with this project.”

Volunteers are needed for Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity ReStore. If interested in volunteering for renovation, or after opening with store operations, call (270)444-0430. ReStore is currently located at 451 S. 16th. St. in Paducah and opened on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hours of Operation are planned to be extended when the store moves to 313 Broadway in the fall.

### **About Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity International’s vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates to improve access to decent and affordable shelter and supports a variety of funding models that enable families with limited resources to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

### **About Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity**

Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity was Kentucky's first Affiliate, formed in 1981. They currently have 60 Habitat homes in Paducah-McCracken Co. As of January 2008, Paducah-McCracken Co. Habitat for Humanity also includes two homes in Ballard Co., originally built by the Ballard Co. Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore is one of fifteen ReStores in Kentucky.

### **About Habitat for Humanity ReStores**

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Habitat for Humanity ReStores are proudly owned and operated by local Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and proceeds are used to build homes, community, and hope locally and around the world.

### **About Banterra Bank**

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois, in July of 1975. Banterra entered the Paducah, Kentucky market in 1996 and has two Paducah locations: 3151 Parisa Drive and 5200 Hinkleville Road. Today, Banterra has \$1.2 billion in total assets and more than 30 branches in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. In addition to Banterra’s contribution to Paducah-McCracken County Habitat For Humanity, Banterra is presenting “Paducah Day At Busch Stadium” on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with Cardinals vs. Reds. Tickets are only \$25 and available for purchase now at the Paducah Banterra locations.\* Portion of the proceeds benefits The Lily Pad At Easter Seals West Kentucky. For more information on Banterra, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to [banterra.com](http://banterra.com).

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