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BANTERRA BANK DONATES \$35,000 TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank* is showing their support to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois (BGCSI) by providing a \$35,000 donation to the organization, as well as promoting and collecting additional donations at their branches throughout September.

"The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois offers thousands of young people in our communities the opportunity for a better future," said Jeff May, president of *Banterra*. "We want to make every effort to support the youth in the areas that we serve, as well as the growth of this organization, which will include a new facility in Marion coming in 2021."

"We are grateful and extremely thankful for *Banterra's* generous donation to the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois," said Tina Carpenter, Chief Executive Officer. "This donation will help so many youth involved in the organization to become caring, productive and responsible citizens and will certainly help our growth including our future facility in Marion."

Banterra was able to apply for a Targeted Impact Fund through Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago that would benefit charity organizations who support populations hardest hit by COVID-19, as well as racial equity disparities across our district. *Banterra* chose to submit The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois as the recipient and agreed to offer matching funds to the fullest potential, with a total of \$20,000 being provided in the grant and \$15,000 provided directly from *Banterra*.

Additionally, *Banterra* is taking monetary donations throughout September at all *Banterra* branches to further support Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois.

ABOUT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

BGCSI is a comprehensive youth development agency serving youth throughout Southern Illinois. Creating a new and brighter future for thousands of young people, this youth development program emphasizes career and academic preparedness, character and good citizenship and healthy lifestyles. It assists young people ages 5- 18 to reach their full potential. BGCSI served 4,225 youth in 2019 with an average breakdown of: 48-50% African American, 6-11% Hispanic, 9-12% Multi-Racial, 1% Native American and 26-28% Caucasian. The organization has four sites in Carbondale and plan to open a new club in Marion in 2021.

ABOUT BANTERRA BANK

Banterra Bank supports a variety of charities through donations, promotions, volunteerism and charity fundraisers in their branches throughout the year. *Banterra Bank* began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, *Banterra* has \$2 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Ten Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Five Percent for Illinois Charter Banks, according to asset size. *Banterra* has 40 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Arizona. 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, Corporate, Transportation and RV and Marine Lending. *Banterra* also offers *Banterra* Insurance for auto, home, life, business and *Banterra* Investment services. For information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.com.

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