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BANTERRA BANK TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION BY SELLING SHAMROCKS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Marion, IL – Banterra Bank will assist the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) throughout the month of March in raising money through the sales of shamrock mobiles at all 35 branch locations. Banterra customers and employees will be able to purchase shamrocks (\$5 gold shamrocks; \$1 green shamrocks), which is a 100% donation to MDA, and the shamrocks will be displayed in the Banterra branches. As a fun incentive, Banterra employees can wear jeans on Fridays when making a donation and the company is holding a contest among its branches for the most creative shamrock display.

MDA was started in 1950 by families, for families, and it is the world's leading nonprofit health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscle diseases – including muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases. In addition to finding treatments and cures, MDA provides support to families and rallies community support by aligning supporters and partners who care.

“At Banterra, we are committed to our communities,” said Jeff May, President for Banterra Bank. “Assisting the MDA with one of their annual fundraisers is only one of the many ways we continue to support the regions where we live and work. I am thrilled that we are able to make a difference in the lives of others, and this particular fundraiser will help us do just that.”

Banterra supports hundreds of charities each year through sponsorships, donations, promotional support and volunteerism. In addition to this support, Banterra chooses select charities to be supported company-wide through branch and online promotion, as well as public relations. This is the first year for MDA to be selected for a Banterra, company-wide promotion.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra is the largest, locally-owned bank in the region with more than \$1.3 billion in assets and 35 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. For more information, contact us at 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.com.

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