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BANTERRA BANK TO PROMOTE AND RAISE MONEY FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES DURING JANUARY

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank* will assist the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) with their annual “Give A Little Love” campaign during January by promoting and selling fund-raising die-cuts in nearly 40 branches throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. *Banterra* customers, team members and the public are invited to buy die-cuts for \$1, with all proceeds going to RMHC locations in St. Louis and Evansville.

This is the third year *Banterra* has selected RMHC for the company-wide promotion. *Banterra* raised nearly \$3,000 during last year’s fundraiser. *Banterra* team members can wear jeans on Fridays when making a donation.

“At *Banterra*, we make it a top priority to give back to the local areas where team members serve and this is just one of the ways we take care of our communities,” said Jeff May, President. “We are proud to support our friends at McDonald’s and to continue assisting with the Ronald McDonald House Charities’ annual campaign.”

The first Ronald McDonald House was opened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1974. Today, there are 368 Ronald McDonald Houses in more than 64 countries and regions, including three in St. Louis and one in Evansville. RMHC provides a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children and support to organizations that serve the needs of children. To learn more about RMHC, go to www.rmhc.org.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, *Banterra* has nearly \$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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