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Old National Bank Announces Employee Program to Benefit Communities within Footprint

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 3, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- On Thursday, November 3, 2005, Old National Bancorp President and CEO, Robert G. Jones announced, to the over 2,500 Old National Bank associates, an initiative that further encourages and rewards community involvement.

Highlights of the program include:

-- Associates will be allowed 2 hours per month, paid time off, to volunteer for a 501C3 organization

-- If 10 or more associates participate in an event, ONB will donate a minimum of $250 to the agency

-- If 20 or more associates participate in an event, ONB will donate a minimum of $500 to the agency

"During the fourteen months that I have been at the company, I have been amazed at the commitment Old National Bank associates have to their communities," commented Bob Jones, President and CEO of Old National Bancorp. "Whether it is helping rebuild a historic bridge in Bridgeton, IN, collecting and shipping care packages to our service men and women overseas from Carmi, IL, or helping to meet the needs of our nation as a result of Hurricane Katrina, our associates accept the challenge and exceed expectations.

"The new ONe Community program not only provides support but encourages associates to volunteer for activities that improve and strengthen the communities where they live and work."

Old National Bank has also implemented a Web-based volunteer management application for managing and tracking associate volunteer service.

With $8.7 billion in assets, Old National Bancorp is the largest financial services holding company headquartered in Indiana and ranks among the top 100 banking companies in the United States. Since its founding in Evansville in 1834, Old National has focused on community banking by building long-term, highly valued relationships with clients in its primary footprint of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Focused on exceeding client expectations, the Old National team of financial professionals provides a broad range of services including retail and commercial banking, wealth management, insurance, and brokerage. For more information and financial trend data, please visit the company's website at **www.oldnational.com**.

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