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Old National Bank Offers Product to Recognize Community Heroes

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26, 2006 (PRIMEZONE) -- Heroes are all around us . . . teachers, firefighters, nurses and the many others that make extraordinary contributions everyday. Old National Bank (NYSE:ONB) is showing its appreciation for these hometown superstars with Community Hero Checking.

Community Hero Checking is an exclusive banking and financial services program that offers thirteen special benefits -- from free services to savings on consumer loans. "Old National Bank has always been a community banking organization, and we are constantly looking for ways to enrich the lives of the clients we serve. We are delighted to be able to offer this special benefit for those who also serve our communities in so many ways," comments Stephen J. Witting, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Old National Bancorp.

The special offer is available to: educators, healthcare providers, active military personnel, veterans, emergency service workers, law enforcement and non-profit staffs. For more information on Old National Bank's special offer, simply visit the Website at: **www.oldnational.com**

With $8.5 billion in assets, Old National Bancorp is the largest financial services bank 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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