



Peoples Bank donates \$25,000 to Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund

Athens, Ohio, July 9, 2020 – Joe Burrow and Peoples Bank announced today that Peoples Bank donated \$25,000 to the Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund, an endowment fund at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to support the Athens County Food Pantry’s mission to fight food insecurity in Athens County.

"Peoples Bank is proud to support the Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund. We are honored to be one of the first partners of the fund as we believe it will make a substantial impact in the fight against hunger in Appalachian Ohio. This is extremely important as we know the impact that food insecurity can have on individuals and families in our communities," said Chuck Sulerzyski, Peoples Bank’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

When Joe Burrow took the stage for his Heisman speech in December of last year, he took the opportunity to put a spotlight on the challenge of food insecurity facing his hometown and community. Inspired by his remarks, thousands of donors flocked to give to the mission of the Athens County Food Pantry in his honor. The Food Pantry has decided that to make a lasting difference, as well as an impact today, it would create an endowment fund – the Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund – to sustain and grow their work in a county where nearly 20% of the population is food insecure.

"We’re very grateful for Peoples Bank’s partnership," said Joe Burrow, the fund’s namesake. "Peoples Bank’s long standing commitment to improve Southeast Ohio, as well being headquartered in Washington County, right next door to Athens, made them an ideal partner for the launch of the hunger relief fund. Their gift will help many, including kids that struggle due to not having much food at home."

Mr. Sulerzyski shared combating hunger has been a central theme to Peoples Bank donations across Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. He also proudly mentioned through payroll deductions, Peoples Bank associates are donating over \$10,000 monthly to local food banks and pantries in the communities served by Peoples Bank.

For more information about the Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund, including how to donate, visit joeburrowfund.org.

About Peoples Bank

Peoples Bank (NASDAQ: PEBO) is a community bank that has large bank capabilities, making available a complete line of banking, trust and investment, insurance and premium financing solutions through its subsidiaries. Headquartered in Marietta, Ohio since 1902, Peoples Bank has established a heritage of financial stability, growth and community impact. Peoples has \$4.5 billion in total assets and 77 full-service bank branches in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

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