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**First Federal Awards Grant to Higher Ground Ministries of Harrison**

*HARRISON, Ark., July 2007* – Larry J. Brandt, Chairman of the Board/Chief Executive Officer of First Federal Bank, was pleased to present a check to Higher Ground Ministries of Harrison. Higher Ground volunteers (l to r) Norma Beaubouef, Sherry Hunter, and Bonnie Merrill accepted the check from First Federal Team Members Brandt, Tommy Richardson, President, and Jeff Brandt, Executive Vice President/Eastern Division. The 3-to-1 matching grant in the amount of \$1,500, which was given by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, was made possible because of a donation of \$500 from First Federal. Grant-writing assistance was provided pro bono by SRI of Harrison.

**About Higher Ground Ministries of Harrison**

Higher Ground Ministries of Harrison began as a loose knit association with a vision to prevent homelessness and help families in crisis. The group was incorporated in the fall of 2005, and awarded 501(c)3 status in August 2006. A faith-based ministry, Higher Ground works with people in Boone County on a long-term basis, with the goal to help them become contributing members of society.

**About First Federal Bank**

First Federal is a community bank serving consumers and businesses in Northcentral and Northwest Arkansas with a full range of checking, savings, investment, and loan products and services. The Bank, founded in 1934, has \$820.5 million in assets and conducts business from 18 full-service branch locations, one stand-alone loan production office, and 29 ATMs. First Federal Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Federal Bancshares of Arkansas, Inc., whose stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol FFBH. For information on all the products and services we offer, visit us on the web at [www.ffbh.com](http://www.ffbh.com) or contact our Account Information Center by phone at 870.365.8329 or 866-AIC-FFBH toll free or by email at [aic@ffbh.com](mailto:aic@ffbh.com).