



F&M BANK PARTNERS WITH BEST CLEANERS TO HELP KEEP NEEDY FAMILIES WARM THIS WINTER

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Oct. 27, 2006 – Bundling up in a warm winter coat will put a smile on anyone’s face. First Farmers & Merchants Bank has teamed up with Best Cleaners to put lots of smiles on the faces of needy families in Maury County this winter.

The annual Coats for Kids campaign is accepting donations of used winter coats at most F&M locations in Maury County and at all Best Cleaners locations.

“We’ve been doing this project for seven years now,” said Chris Shrader, owner of Best Cleaners. “We’re thrilled to partner with F&M again this year and promote the coat drive together. We think it’s going to be the biggest yet.”

F&M President John P. Tomlinson said that coats of all sizes are needed and welcome.

“We all have an extra coat or two in our closet,” he said. “A warm coat can make a big difference to someone facing the harsh winter months ahead. We hope everyone will go through their closets and bring those extra coats down to the bank.”

Donations will be received through Dec. 5 at F&M’s main office on Garden Street, as well as Hatcher Lane, both Kroger locations, Spring Hill and Mt. Pleasant offices. Best Cleaners locations accepting donations are at Shadybrook Plaza, Trotwood Avenue, Pulaski Highway, West James Campbell Boulevard and on Nashville Highway. The coats will be cleaned and distributed to needy families in time for winter.

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the largest independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets over \$800 million and an additional \$2.5 billion in assets held by its Trust & Financial Management Department.

Headquartered in Columbia, the bank operates 19 offices in a seven-county area that includes Maury, Lawrence, Marshall, Hickman, Dickson, Giles and Williamson counties.

It is distinguished by its commitment to traditional, personal banking relationships that incorporate state-of-the-art technology to provide the highest possible level of service.

###