



**CHEMICAL BANK<sup>®</sup>**

**For Immediate Release**

**For further information**

John D. Hatfield, 1st Vice President,  
Director of Marketing  
Chemical Bank  
989-839-5416

**CHEMICAL BANK COLLECTS MITTENS FOR MICHIGAN**

*Public encouraged to donate mittens for needy Michigan residents*

*MIDLAND, Mich., November 16, 2009* – Chemical Bank is again encouraging individuals, families and businesses to help spread warmth this holiday season with their “Mittens for Michigan” campaign. Beginning this week Chemical Bank is collecting new and gently used mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for needy Michigan individuals and families.

“Last year our campaign inspired many individuals, businesses and employees to get involved and together we helped warm hands and hearts across Michigan with over 10,000 donations,” said Chemical Bank Chairman, CEO & President, David B. Ramaker. “We’re extremely proud of last year’s success and are committed to helping those who are experiencing difficult times in the communities we serve.”

Chemical Bank has partnered with local United Way and other charitable organizations across the state to distribute the donations periodically throughout the campaign. The drive will run through the end of January and will be supported by in-branch posters, flyers, and Web ads that encourage the public to join Chemical Bank in “Warming Hands. And Hearts.”

“The United Way is proud to partner with Chemical Bank again this year with their Mittens for Michigan Program,” stated Ann Fillmore, Executive Director of United Way of Midland County. “Providing warm mittens to those in need during the upcoming winter months epitomizes the compassionate spirit of our community and demonstrates Chemical Bank’s commitment to Live United within the community. United Way will ensure that these mittens are distributed to families with the greatest need through our partner agencies throughout Michigan.”

Collection boxes are located at all 129 full-service banking offices in 31 counties throughout the Lower Peninsula. A list of branch locations is available at [www.chemicalbankmi.com](http://www.chemicalbankmi.com).

###

Chemical Financial Corporation is the third largest bank holding company headquartered in Michigan. The company operates through a single subsidiary bank, Chemical Bank, with 129 banking offices spread over 31 counties in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Chemical Financial Corporation common stock trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol CHFC and is one of the issues comprising the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Member FDIC.