



## **M&T Bank Makes \$100,000 Corporate Gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund**

### **Commits to Limitless Employee Match Gift**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- Sept. 13, 2001 -- Bank To Accept Community Donation at All Branches; Provides Other Support to American Red Cross The American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter and M&T Bank announced today that M&T will provide a \$100,000 corporate gift to support the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in the wake of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

M&T also encouraged employee donations by establishing a limitless dollar-for-dollar matching fund, and has opened its more than 470 branch network to accept contributions from the community.

Each and every member of our community feels the impact of this tragedy. The M&T family is deeply saddened by the countless personal losses which resulted from this act of terrorism, Robert G. Wilmers, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of M&T Bank said. We are working on a number of levels to provide financial and hands-on assistance to the most affected communities through this partnership with the American Red Cross. In addition, M&T is working with the American Red Cross in its ongoing efforts to coordinate blood drives and the bank is encouraging its employees to volunteer in the relief effort.

Nancy M. Blaschak, executive director of the Greater Buffalo Chapter, said, "The Red Cross is most appreciative of M&T's generosity. At times like this, every dollar counts, and we are delighted to see how our community is pulling together to help disaster victims.

We hope people will take advantage of the convenience of going into an M&T branch and making a donation to the Red Cross.

Checks should be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

M&T Bank is the principal bank subsidiary of Buffalo-based M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE:MTB), which has consolidated assets of \$31 billion. M&T Bank has more than 470 branch offices across New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

The American Red Cross prepares for, and responds to, disasters and emergencies and helps people lead safe and healthy lives. The American Red Cross is one of the oldest and largest volunteer driven organizations in the United States.