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\$3,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to Local Boys & Girls Clubs

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra announces a \$3,000 Sierra Grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias – Porterville Unit. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias is a non-profit organization that focuses on youth development. The clubs use a variety of methods to help boys and girls grow into healthy, productive men and women. The grant will be used to launch an intramural basketball league in the summer of 2008 at no cost to its participants. The league will provide an activity to at-risk children when school is not in session that will give those children the opportunity to build stable relationships with good role models.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the futures of the children in our community through the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Sequoias,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.2 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 21 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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