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**\$4,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to  
Sequoia Christian Academy**

**Porterville, CA** — Bank of the Sierra announces a \$4,000 Sierra Grant award to Sequoia Christian Academy. The academy was founded in 1997 to provide an alternative educational setting to students with special needs. The funding will provide playground equipment for the new, permanent facility in September 2008. The playground will consist of equipment designed to promote large motor skills in all students, including those with special needs.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the lives of our community members. Through the Sequoia Christian Academy, we are able to make a difference,” 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](http://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](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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