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**Sierra Grant Supports Diabetic Youth Foundation**

**Porterville, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant award in the amount of \$2,000 to the Diabetic Youth Foundation (DYF). The mission of DYF is to help improve the quality of life for youth affected by Diabetes. Funds will help underwrite the cost of the 2009 Bearskin Meadow Summer Camp Program. This camp offers fun educational opportunities for children, teens and families affected by diabetes. Programs offered will include insulin technology available, nutrition, advances in technology, and emotional support. Counselors and other health staff employed during the camp will be examples of living healthy with diabetes.

“At Bank of the Sierra we understand the challenges associated with learning to live with diabetes. For this reason, we felt a Sierra Grant was well deserved” 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 \$1.3 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 23 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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